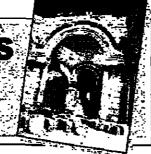


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# Blair jobs plan for 1m single parents

### Leader takes on left over welfare reform

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

Tony Blair will tomorrow turn the bitterly controversial political argument about single mothers on its head, by pledging a new Labour programme aimed at taking 1m lone parents off benefit and into work.

Labour believes the move which Mr Blair will unveil in his speech to the party conference is an important extension of his commitment to a "welfare into work" programme. Party strategists believe that it will be electorally popular, including among lone parents themselves

The plan is closely modelled on the successful Australian Jobs Education and Training which was launched by Paul Keating's

Labour government. Unpublished Department of Social Security research shows that 90 per cent of single parents would take paid work if

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they could.
The new plan, which reflects
Mr Blair's commitment to an "active rather than passive welfare", will require the Benefits Agency to draw up employment- and child-care plans for lone parents with children over five, rather than merely continue to pay them benefits such as income support. Australian experience suggests that the scheme would save money.

Only 40 per cent of British lone parents are in work - the third lowest level in the EU. A quarter of children have parents who are divorced.

The move will come as part of the unwrapping of a series of specific policy pledges this week in Brighton, starting today with Labour Treasury spokesman Gordon Brown's announce-ment of details of his £1.4m youth employment programme, on the privatised utilities.

In addition to the plan to reintegrate lone parents into the selves for a highly-charged

a £110m scheme to reduce primary class sizes. It will be financed by scrapping the sted places scheme for state funded pupils to go to private

Party strategists are optimistic that it will overshadow debate over a series of divisive issues, which threaten to dominate the conference.

The most immediately fractious is the National Executive's decision to withhold endorsement from Liz Davies, the leftwinger chosen as parliamentary candidate for Leeds North East.

The executive yesterday agreed to allow a short conference debate on the issue by agreeing to submit a short report on their decision to delegates tomorrow morning.

But in a move that may be challenged on the conference floor today, the conference organisers refused to accept 13 emergency motions demanding her immediate reinstatement.

In an interview with the Guardian, Mr Blair says that people like Ms Davies had a choice: "They've got to decide if they're going to help a Labour government or carry on in a narrow sectarian politics that has no popular resonance. If they stood on the Labour Briefing platform they'd get 500 votes. If they want to stand on my policies and my back, in order to get into power to cause trouble for a Labour government, I think we're entitled to say no to

The leadership's chances today of defeating a highly embarrassing motion demanding Labour commit itself to a a minimum wage of £4.15 suddenly improved yesterday, when the Transport and General Workers' Union bowed to intense pressure behind the scenes and agreed not to support the call.

last night was holding out in support of the motion, which cuts across Mr Blair's determined insistence that Labour cannot to commit itself to a figure before the election and should instead leave it to a Low Pay Commission. If the Edinburgh Central Constituency, which proposed the motion, insists on pressing it to a vote, the result is likely to be close.

Aides to Mr Blair, who proto be financed by a windfall tax voked anger within the party by sending his son. Euan, to an optout school, are bracing themlabour market, the Labour debate over grant-maintained leader will announce plans for schools on Wednesday.



# How Labour could hand victory to Major

One thought should dominate this Labour conference. It's that John Major may well win the next election.

A lethal self-confidence is creeping through the party, a lazy conviction that the Conservatives are so loathed that the only thing left to fight about is the nature of Labour's first legislative programme for 19 years. Are memories so short? Mr Major is not a man who is go ing to be beaten by default. He

is a courageous and ruthless campaigner who is just beginning But the GMB general union to benefit from the personal risk he took in confronting his rightwing critics, and whose party is now likely to look more united on Europe than for years. Nor can Labour assume that the British economy will forever canvass against the Tories, as it has been. However tight things are this year, tax cuts are coming, as macro-politics eventually

overwhelms macro-economics. Then there is the media. During Tony Blair's extraordinary first 18 months as leader he has been swept along on a bright billow of newspaper adulation. To paraphrase Hilaire Belloc, the



**Andrew Marr** 

quite - prepared. Proprietors have been courted; the editors jostle for the attention of the policies on crime, welfare and coming regime.

But the media is fickle, impatient and well paid. Many ournalists are bored of building Mr Blair up, are ready for a new story and quietly keen to give him a kicking. If left-wing re-bellion and a leader's speech that failed to live up to its billing in Brighton were followed by a better-than-expected Tory conference, the Blair billow could crash into spume and confusion. I don't expect this, but we are at a moment in the political cycle when things can still slip either way. These conferences will

looming election will already have been decided. So what does Labour need to do? The easiest answer is that it

has to remain disciplined. Despite worries about Mr Blair's lack of Socialist spirit, the party has exhibited remarkable selfcontrol. The PLP is full of bitten tongues. Poisonous resentments and jealousies in the shadow cabinet have been held in check But a key part of recently-

agreed Tory strategy is to prise open Labour differences. Senior ministers are looking for populist education, deliberately moving to the right, in the hope that Mr Blair will be forced to follow, so pulling at the party's divisions until they become intolerable. Self-discipline is going to be easy to call for, but it's going to be progressively harder for Labour

people to live with. More important is the next stage in the development of Labour policy which, as it stands, is underwhelming in three essential areas - economics, political reform and the public services. Most attention will be on tax and spending, but this stocks are sold, the press is squared, the middle class is - next year the big themes of the detail will be ignored. Promises

on the utilities' windfall tax, a back-to-work programme and spending priorities are the start of Labour's attempt to sound decisive, without frightening taxpayers. But they all sound more like good front-page stories than completed proposals. When it comes to the serious numbers, Gordon Brown's verbal veil is unlikely to be lifted for

another year at least. Political reform is the most obvious and do-able task for a Blairite government. But here, too, there is a worrying amount of work still to do on the detai of Labour's new state. On the Scottish parliament, voting reform, the Bill of Rights and Westminster reform, we have dancing but fleshless bones.

A Blair government which flunked political reform would go down in history as a failure. But a Blair government which did nothing else would quickly lose the support of its core electorate. This brings us to the public services, where Labour is grappling with nothing less than the need for a new settlement between public and private, reasserting the value of public services on their own terms and

# in their own language.

have won prestigious awards. Stephen Ward, Legal Affairs Correspondent, has been named Newspaper Journalist of the Year by the Bar Council and Andrew Brown, Religious Affairs Correspondent, has won

Peter Goldsmith QC, chair man of the Bar Council, said Ward demonstrated an "out-standing contribution to the reporting of legal issues". Brown won his prize in competition with journalists from 13 European countries.

Here the propaganda, at least, is easy. Ministers who are appalled by the greed of privatised utility bosses, but imable to do anything about it, make easy targets. In education, the Tory battle-cry of choice merely infuriates parents who haven't any. Even the Tory right is well aware of the bloated bureaucracy of the NHS internal market. Railway privatisation, unless it is sabotaged by Opposition hostility, looks set to be the worst

domestic error of Mr Major's period as Prime Minister. After years of administrative Maoism under the Tories, Labour conservatism seems attractive; the provision of public services ought to be an unglamorous affair. But here too, some of the essential detail of Labour

policy slips through one's fingers.

So there are an awesome number of questions voters will want answers to. I suspect this week won't be a smooth one for Tony Blair. Enough doubts about new Labour have surfaced to make the press stop and sniff the air. The party is uneasy. The country hasn't made up its mind.

No doubt the next few days will be as theatrical as Labour conferences can still be - intrigues, denunciations, a little rapture. But we should be watching for something more, for the evidence that this party can harden its warm words into practical policies and, by doing so, generate the angry enthusi-asm for imminent change which has been missing in Britain for years, and on whose absence the quietly self-confident John Major still banks.

# Howard wants a British 'Alcai

Home Affairs Correspondent

Michael Howard is seeking pri-vate finance to build the first "Alcatraz"-style fortress super jail for the country's 260 most dangerous criminals.

The move is designed to head off stinging criticism in an unpublished inquiry report into



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jail security. The Independent has learnt that the inquiry into rison security - following the IRA escape at Whitemoor and the subsequent Parkhurst débâcle late last year - will be highly critical of the present system of holding high-risk, so-phisticated and psychopathic criminals in prisons dotted around the system.

The conclusions of the inquiry by Sir John Learmont, the former Quartermaster General. due to be published later this month, suggest the most costeffective way of ensuring public safety is the provision of one

or two American-style supersecure prisons. But aware of the controversy surrounding private prisons and lapses of se-curity, the Home Secretary intends the super maximum 'supermax" jail to be state-run.

Officials are confident the Cabinet would approve plans for the jail to be built by the private sector but their main concern is bad publicity. Home Office docents, seen by the Independent, say: "Announcing private sector involvement in this prison ... may attract negative tabloid interest (Group 4 to run UK Akatraz", etc)." This is a clear reference

to the security firm Group 4's and control-risk prisoners regembarrassing loss of prisoners in its disastrous first few weeks of prison escort work. The papers reveal that Mr

Howard has all but failed to sccure public funding for a hi-tech super-jail. Officials are urgently seeking approval for private fi-nance so that, when Sir John's report is published, the Home Secretary can announce that plans are underway. There are no plans to house women or young offenders in the supermax. Creating a supermax prison would end a 30-year-old policy

of moving convicted violent

ularly between six jails Parkhurst, Whitemoor, Full Sutton, Long Lartin, Frank-land and Belmarsh. Harry Fletcher, assistant gen-

cral secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers said last night: "The debate has been going on for 30 years and during that time the case for the supermax has not been proved. The main advantage of high se-curity is far outweighed by the difficulties for family visits, the stigmatisation, and the high running and building costs." Prison of the future, page 3

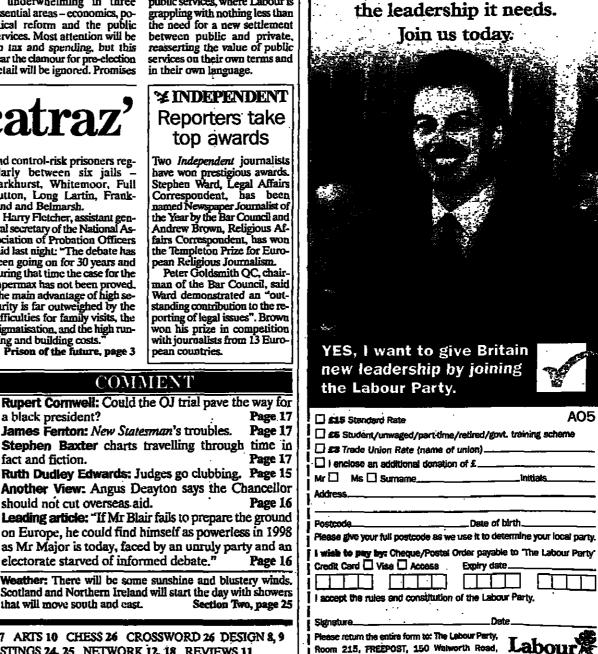
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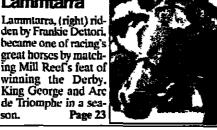
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back at goal Eric Cantona (right) marked his return to football after an eightmonth suspension by setting up the first goal and scoring the second in Manchester United's 2-2 home draw with Page 28

Papacy to investigate Irish sex cases A special papal envoy has been sent to investigate the spate of sex abuse and other scandals that threaten to undermine the moral authori-

### Hat-trick for Lammtarra

Lammtarra, (right) ridden by Frankie Dettori, great horses by matching Mill Recf's feat of winning the Derby. King George and Arc de Triomphe in a sea-



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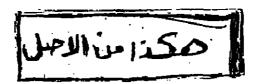
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# Papal envoy to investigate Irish church scandals

paralysing; even to abusers, whose lives have been accom-

panied by the long shadow of a

bishop Jorge Mejia, an experi-

enced church troubleshooter,

yesterday met Cardinal Daly.

He is to report back to Pope

John Paul on the spate of cler-

ical sex abuse claims and pros-

ecutions, and is also expected to

inquire into other highly pub-licised setbacks for the Church

involving the conduct of some

Dublin, Dr Desmond Connell,

a noted pro-Vatican conserva-

tive, was shown to have made

conflicting statements on

whether the Church paid mon-

ey towards compensating cler-

A Dublin newspaper yesterday claimed that the Church,

sought a verbal commitment to

silence from a former altar boy

paid Ir£27,500 (£28,000) in an

out-of-court settlement in 1993.

The payment arose from a se-

ical sex abuse victims.

Last week, the Archbishop of

The Vatican envoy, Arch-

guilty secret," he said.

of the truth.

**ALAN MURDOCH** 

A special papal envoy has been sent to investigate the unprecedented spate of clerical sex also heal. It can give some abuse and other scandals that measure of healing to victims. threaten to undermine the moral authority of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

The envoy arrived in Ireland as a new survey of public attitudes revealed a rapid decline in public confidence. The poll, for the Institute of Advertising in Ireland, found that 75 per cent of people now have 'mixed, little, or no confidence" in church leaders.

This represents a 17 per cent fall in confidence compared with a similar poll four years ago. Just 25 per cent expressed confidence compared with 42 of its most senior prelates. per cent in 1991. The survey research was carried out in April before the latest scandals broke.

Cardinal Cahal Daly, Catholic Primate of All Ireland, last night offered "the most abiect and most humble apology" to victims of abuse - and spoke of the church's atonement,

The Cardinal highlighted wave after wave of scandal. crashing and breaking against the Church" in an address at Letterkenny, Co Donegal.





Conduct unbecoming: Father Cleary (left) and Bishop Comiskey

"When stories or allegations of alleged sex assaults by a abuse by some clerics come to north Dublin curate between attention, we must not be afraid 1977 and 1980, now being in-

vestigated by police. Truth can hurt, but it can It emerged the curate had earlier been chaplain at a Dublin children's hospital. for whom long silence has been

Church sources have also admitted that a senior bishop took a series of expensive holidays in Thailand. It has been claimed Bishop Brendan Comiskey was detained in police cells in Bangkok after arriving there last October drunk and without a passport.
Gardai say the bishop de-

clined to assist inquiries into sex abuse in his diocese. He is currently undergoing treatment for alcoholism in the US. Bishop Comiskey was recently summoned to Rome to explain his demands for a public debate on the policy of priestly celibacy. Since 1993, a series of priests

have been jailed for sex offences. In recent months, priests from Wexford, in the southeast, to Londonderry in the north-west have appeared in court facing sex abuse charges.

On Saturday it emerged that gardai are investigating claims that more than a dozen former pupils at St Joseph's reform school and orphanage in Lower Salthill, Galway, were sexually and physically abused by three members of the Catholic Christian Brothers order. Similar inquiries have been taking place at nine other childcare centres around the country.

Last week, the former housekeeper of a prominent Dublin Catholic priest and broadcaster, Father Michael Cleary, pub-licly a staunch pro-Vatican moral conservative, confirmed he had fathered two sons with her. Phyllis Hamilton said soon after the birth of her first son, she returned home to find the priest in bed with another unmarried mother, to whom he was giving counselling.

# Final curtain falls for Ken and Em



MARY BRAID

The actress Emma Thompson fluffed her lines yesterday as she confirmed, after months of rumour, that the final curtain had come down on the glittering and, for some, irritating, Ken and Em show.

Ms Thompson, 35, always said marriage was a huge risk, but the self-confessed optimist hoped that her union with fellow actor and director Kenneth Branagh, 34 - one of the most successful partnerships in the history of British film and theatre – would run and run.

As she stood dishevelled before an army of photographers at her west London home -bours after a Sunday tabloid headlined her alleged relationship with actor and recent costar Greg Wise - she played tired and emotional for real.

Asked to repeat an earlier statement on the end of the sixyear run, Ms Thompson managed: "I think it said 'due to the pressures of work'..." before trailing off. She said she could not string a sentence together, and refused to comment on her relationship with Mr Wise, 29, who stars with her in Sense and Sensibility, the film of the Jane Austen novel for which she wrote the screenplay.
Friends claimed that the mar-

riage had been over for months, and blamed the pressure of work. Branagh had joked that he had to make an appointment to see her and that she went to bed with her Oscar. She had said she wanted children but that Ken was so tired "all his sperm are on crutches". For those who revelled in the on- and offscreen love affair the news was a tragedy of Shakespearean proportions. But Ms Thompson has admitted she was well aware that the partnership's apparent combination of off-screen domestic bliss and golden commercial success was too rich for some. It is claimed that the couple spent fewer than 100 days together at this London home. In a statement issued on Saturday night they said they had decided with great sadness to separate but that the split was entirely amicable, "Our work has inevitably led to our spending long periods of time away from each other, and, as a result, we have drifted apart."

# Boom in church

membership

About 200 people a day are join-ing churches in the spiritual 1990s and offsetting the num-ber leaving disillusioned. Figures in the latest edition of the UK Christian Handbook show most of the growth is in evan-

gelical churches. The Evangelical Alliance claimed people were flocking through the doors because the Christian message was put forward in an understandable way.

Two die at air show

Two British aviation enthusiasts were killed when a rare Second World War bomber crashed while rehearsing for an air show in Texas. Chris Gardner, 24, and Colin Dunwell, 35, workers at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, Cambridgeshire, were just days into their three-week holiday in the United States when the tragedy occurred.

Road tolls attacked

Road tolling would be expensive, impractical and as politically unpopular as the poll tax. a study by the Centre for Political Research Studies says. It suggests that instead of road pricing, the vehicle excise duty should be scrapped and replaced by a "system of banded road pricing".

Fugitive on trial

John Martin Scripps, 35, who fled Britain last year while on home leave from jail, is to go on trial in Singapore today accused of killing a South African engineer. He is also wanted in Thailand for the murders of two Canadians, and has been linked to the disappearance of a Briton in Mexico in January.

Crunch for Lineker

The GMB general union is urging the former England football captain Gary Lineker not to renew his contract to advertise Walkers crisps because of a dispute over union recognition at the company's plant in Peterlee, Durham.

**Lottery winner** 

One ticketholder has scooped this week's National Lottery jackpot of £9.98m. The winning numbers were 10, 11, 29, 32, 33,

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# Identity card gets blanket rejection by councils

**NICHOLAS TIMMINS** Public Policy Editor

Local government has come out tional identity card, whether face of opposition from back-ITY OF VOIL Michael Howard, the Home pected to back a voluntary Secretary, that it is opposed in scheme based on the new pho-The joint attack from the the servative Party conference next three main local authority as- week.

The stance by the local govsociations, covering counties,

authorities, comes as doubts are Labour controlled - is, howevgrowing over Mr Howard's ability to get even the weakest version of a voluntary scheme in blanket opposition to a na- through the Commons in the voluntary cards in some circumstances bench lones. Mr Howard is ex-

er, decidedly more hostile than that of Labour's front bench, which has admitted a role for In their formal response to

Mr Howard's Green Paper, the councils say they oppose a scheme, whether compulsory or voluntary, because they believe it "would be detrimental to the rights of individual citizens". Policing, they say, "relies on

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bound to heighten tension be- quickly." tween the police and certain sections of the community" - formation to be stored which particularly young people and the ethnic minorities, who could find themselves asked to prove their identity more than the information which is inappro-

public co-operation". "Giving introduced, "there would be the police powers to stop peo- substantial social pressure to ple and ask them to prove their carry a card. In effect, a volunidentity is a major intrusion on tary scheme would lead to a de the rights of the citizen and is facto compulsory one very

'Great sadness': Emma Thompson yesterday at the home she shared with Kenneth Branagh

Smart cards would allow in was unavailable to the person carrying it. And that "could enable state agencies to exchange priate, inaccurate and inca-If a voluntary scheme were pable of being checked."

The associations do not oppose a photographic driving licence which would contain "a strictly limited amount of information for a specific purpose". Beyond that, they resist.

It would not be impossible to forge cards, they say. As Mr Howard has conceded, this would not "stop someone committing a burglary or a mugging". They might make the public less co-operative with

have warned that identity cards have "very serious implications for the traditional liberties of the British people". Meanwhile, a recent Harris poli among MPs found that 18

Right-wing Conservatives

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per cent of Conservatives more than enough to halt the legislation if the Opposition voted against - were opposed even to a voluntary scheme based on the new photo driving

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A new scratchcard war begins today as the pools giant Littlewoods hits back at the National Lottery by launching its own scratchcard games to raise money for charity.
Three different Littlewoods

scratchcard games will operate in each of seven British regions. with every game offering a total of a million tickets. Voluntary organisations will benefit by up to £240,000 from each game, 24p from each ticket sold, and each game will be dedicated to a particular charity. The new cards will be on sale alongside lottery scratchcards in shops, post offices and petrol stations. prize of £50,000 and Little-Our scratchcards are a simple and fast way for charities to ben-

they can directly help someone else." Littlewoods hopes to start handing funds over to charities early in the New Year.

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations wel-comed the idea but doubted whether it would bring in "new" money. "Giving 24p to charity is good - that's more than the lottery scratchcards - I like the idea of named charities," said its chief executive Stuart Etherington. He added that the "scratchcard wars" were probably just moving the same money around, and that the best way The cards offer a maximum to help was still to give direct.

Littlewoods has complained woods hopes to make up to 3p about "unfair" competition profit from every ticket sold. from the lottery and, in August, announced that it was shedding 520 jobs from its 3,400 workefit from people who simply force as a result of the lottery's want to have a flutter," said Lit-success in attracting punters force as a result of the lottery's tlewoods' marketing director away from the pools.

**COLIN BROWN** Chief Political Correspondent

David Trimble, the new leader of the Ulster Unionists, will today visit Dublin and urge John Bruton, the Taoiseach, to take Ireland back into the Commonwealth, to create a single currency by merging the punt with the pound, and to end the Irish Republic's constitutional claim to the North.

"We hear a lot about the concessions needed by the British government to break the impasse, but so far the Irish government has done nothing," said a senior Ulster Unionist source. "We think they should return to the Commonwealth of nations, just as South Africa

The old hostilities between the loyalists and the republicans broke out yesterday in Glasgow, when loyalists pelted Sinn Fein supporters with bottles outside a rally by Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president. Five people

concessions by Dublin

were arrested for fighting.

Mr Adams renewed his demands for the British government to drop its requirement for the IRA to make progress on decommissioning arms before Sinn Fein is allowed into all-party talks with the Ulster Unionists. He said: "A total demilitarisation of the situation is an objective of the peace process. It is achievable. What we have had is a achievable objective being turned into an obstacle."

There has been urgent diplo-matic action in Washington to seek a way through the impasse to all-party talks before President Bill Clinton visits Britain and Ireland at the end of the month. John Hume, the SDLP leader, yesterday called on London to set a date for the talks to begin but no moves are expected before the end of next week's Tory conference.

The Ulster Unionist leaders remain convinced that there will be no return to violence in spite of the warnings by Mr Adams and the statement by the IRA before the Sinn Fein del-egates' conference in Dublin at

the weekend. "I still think most people in the IRA recognise that the conclusion they reached in 1994 that there must be a ceasefire was because they cannot win," said John Taylor, the deputy leader of Ulster Unionists. "They weren't beaten, which is why there is no question of any surrender. But they recognise that if they start fighting again - and some want to - they still cannot win."

It will be the first time that an Ulster Unionist leader has visited the Government's buildings in Dublin. Mr Trimble will after launching an Ulster

# Astronomers say time travel is just science fiction

**TOM WILKIE** Science Editor

Astronomers are concerned that the public is getting Star travelling in time is possible.

Dr Simon Mitton, an astronomer at Cambridge University, said: "It has been known for the past 20 years that if you can come up with a mechanism for severely distorting spacetime and creating a "wormhole".

particles to travel from the pre-

But, he added: "It worries me that in describing circumstances up as science fact, following reports that Professor Stephen Hawking believed that travelling in time is popular reports often factor. tinguish what you can do for a single particle from many-particle systems – people or spaceships - which cannot participate

sent into the past."

in this phenomenon."
Professor Hawking had previously doubted the idea of time travel, but in the foreword then it would be possible at the to a new book, The Physics of

Lawrence Krauss, which is due to be published next month, he ble. writes: "One of the conse-The first "proof" that Einquences of rapid interstellar

travel would be that one could also travel back in time." Professor Hawking, Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge, said: "There is a two-way trade between science fiction and science. We may not yet be able to boldly go where no man or woman has gone before, but at least we can do it in the mind.'

stein's theory of general relativity allowed time travel was published by the mathematical logician Kurt Gödel in 1949. He chapter of his book Black Holes derived from the theory a cosmological model of a rotating universe in which journeys year. He concluded: "We cariuniverse in which journeys backwards in time were possible. However, Gödel's model universe bears no resemblance to the one we inhabit.

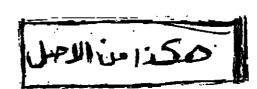
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Professor Thorne discussed the idea extensively in the last and Time Warps: Einstein's Ounot know for sure until physicists have fathomed in deptin the laws of quantum gravity."

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# Internet set to cut phone bills

### DAVID PITCHFORD

A controversial new telephone system, which carries longdistance signals across the Internet, will cut the cost of international phone calls to national levels, according to the company which has launched

International Discount Telecommunications (IDT) said that its pioneering transatlantic

minute, will be available in Britain by January, and a limited service will be available in 80 countries "in the coming

To access the service, customers will need an Internet connection, which costs around £12 a month, and a personal computer with modern, microphone and speaker. Unlike other Internet voice services, where the service is limited to service, costing about 8p a computer-to-computer com-

munication, IDT's system allows for calls to regular telephones. The president of IDT, Howard Jonas, said: "Our system will bring international calling with-

in the range of regular people."
The implications for users, and for the major phone com-panies, are far-reaching. British Telecom, which makes £2billion a year from international calls. stands to lose custom from the one million British people with Internet access, a significant number of whom are business users. Neil Ellul, editor of Intake at least six months. IDT, whose undercutting

ternet magazine, said: "The whole basis of the Internet is cheap and reliable communication. BT have had it too good for too long." But BT said they had no objections to the IDT system, "as long as they abide by the same regulations as us". Telecommunications watchdog OFTEL confirmed that the service "seemed legal", but added: "We are watching it closely."

"callback" phone services have irritated telephone companies and governments worldwide, claims its new service will revolutionise long-distance calls. However, a question mark hangs over the legal status of the service, as well as the amenability of companies which provide access to the Internet. Internetprovider companies are ambi-

valent about voice communications over the Internet as they take up large amounts of bandwidth, slowing down connections for other users. A major Internet provider, Unipalm Pipez, has afready banned enduser companies from carrying

real-time voice data. Traditionally the Internet has grown to accommodate its users' needs and many believe that new technology will keep

### The face of Britain's old prisons ... and the blueprint for the future Main features Clear lines of observation for staff Extensive use of electronic locking Small residential units The use of state of the art reliable technology Regime/Activity unit Segregation unit The technology: Closed-circuit television Metal, explosive, drug and z-ray detection equipment Perimeter protection Alarm systems Controt rooms project Residential unit Flexible unit to hold 8 50 prisoriers Secure staff comdors and observation polytis Clean holding cells for use when searshing the unit ecure prisoner comdot to any facilities of the criti INSIDE WALL

# Escapes inspire the 'supermax' jail

Ministers studied hi-tech American examples after service was blamed for creating a 'disaster waiting to happen'

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

A series of increasingly dramatic escapes in recent years has led to proposals for a super-

It started with the helicopter scape from Gartree prison in 1987, followed by the 1991 break-out of two IRA prisoners from Brixton jail and culminated with the Whitemoor and Parkhurst débacles at the end

Ministers first started look-ing at the feasibility of a su-permax jail after Sir John Woodcock's scathing report into the Whitemoor escape, which blamed all levels of the prison service for creating a 'disaster waiting to happen".

An American specialist from

the US federal system was brought in to advise on security and senior Prison Service staff and Home Office ministers visited the new generation of hi-tech superjails in the US -including one in Minnesota, which while furnished with state-of-the-art security, appears to be built like a Saxon fort - sunk into the landscape with the walk surrounded by ar-

But facing initial Treasury re-sistance, the plans appeared to be on hold. However, the findings of Sir John Learmont's inquiry into prison security set up in the wake of the Parkhurst and

them new impetus. Documents seen by the Independent say that in the absence of public money, it is "crucial" that agreement is secured in principle to private finance. "Early agreement would allow the Home Secretary to accept this aspect of the expected Learmont recommen-

The two stumbling blocks officials foresee are ministers' initial resistance to agree to the plan until seeing both Learmont's findings and the con-clusions of a feasibility study and bad publicity over private sector involvement. Given that both favour one or two "supermax" jails, officials are con-fident of securing ministers' approval "through careful wording of the Home Secretary's briefing". But they say "robust defensive lines of public sector involvement more generally must be available" to head off media criticism.

Although no sites are sug-

gested, draft proposals seen by the *Independent* suggest the su-permax jail will be broken down into small units to hold between 8 and 50 prisoners, each with extensive use of electronic lockclosed-circuit television

linked to a control room. Corridors will be similarly secured and each unit will contain 'clean" holding cells, for use when searching the unit. There will also be searching facilities at each entry and exit point.

Each unit is likely to have adaptable rooms to cater for whatever activities are in progress, from education to group therapy to work. All exercise yards will be covered by steel mesh to prevent the kind of helicopter escape that took place at Gartree.

Visitors and staff will have to pass through screens, designed to detect, metal, explosives or drugs. The proposals also suggest that delivery, storage and maintenance departments are all located outside the perimeter wall to make everything casier to search before it enters

The whole complex will be

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each with a monitored and alarmed "sterile" area in besurrounded by a series of "Within the constraints of a class perimeter walls and fences, secure environment the regime say.

will be productive, developmental and prepare prisoners for their eventual release or re-"Within the constraints of a classification," the proposals

### Law Lord says talk to save money

STEPHEN WARD egal Affairs Correspondent

ord Woolf, the Law Lord ehind plans for the bigges reform of civil justice this century, said judges and lawyers could save large amounts of time and money if they started to use telephones.

His Access to Justice propos als to the Government, after a year's consultation, include ear ly meetings between judge prosecution and defence to de termine where a case is going Speaking at the Bar Council's annual conference in London, Lord Woolf suggested that existing technology would make meetings possible through video conferencing, even if the judge was in Newcastle and the par-ties in London. He added: "We must manage the 98 per cent of cases which never come to trial." At the moment a case can take years to get to court. Most never make it, and are settled out of court, after accruing massive legal bills. Lord Woolf has also pro-

posed fast-track courts for cases where damages claimed are less than £10,000. In all cases judges, not lawyers, would con-trol progress. Speaking to the audience of barristers, he said the greater control of caselength by judges should mean barristers quoting fixed fees, rather than charging by time. He also accused barristers of being over-paid. "I know of young men of a few years' experience who are earning more than a Law Lord," he said. Lord Woolf's salary is £109,435. A re-cent survey of QCs in the mag-azine Legal Business, based on estimates from within the legal profession, found several earning more than £1m a year, inling the libel expert George Carmen. The Bar Council president, Peter Goldsmith, was es timated at between £750,000 and £1m. The Bar insists that only a handful of barristers earn big money, and many earn

around £20,000 a year. Mr Goldsmith told the conference he was worried at the implication of giving judges a more managerial role. "Some judges you could give the papers on a Friday night and confi-dently come back for the judgment on Monday." Others were

not so good. Lord Williams of Mostyn, a prominent labour barrister, estimated that retraining judges would cost an extra £30m a year. But Lord Woolf said this was a relatively small expense when set against the savings involved. The Government is committed to making the reforms work, according to John Taylor, junior minister in the Lord Chancellor's department. However, he would not say if extra money would be spent on the courts.

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# "Nothing wrong with a bit of sex now and then."

This month in Q, lock up your tennis players as the world's most famous redhead, Mick Hucknall, takes us on a rollercoaster ride through the butterflies-inducing success of Stars, the head-spinning prospect of Life and the lunch-evacuating reality of, well, sacking everybody.

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# English language being led astray

JUDITH JUDD Education Editor

Shakespeare did it. Schoolleavers and university students do it. Now even princes, prime ministers and professors of English are breaking the rules of grammar. Even the the Prince of Wales, does not always

speak the Queen's English.
Their failings are highlighted today by Professor John Honey, former professor of education at Leicester Polytechnic and now professor of English at Osaka International University in Japan. Professor Honey, a long standing critic of education standards in Britain and a champion of standard grammar, has spent 15 years noting the mistakes of the famous.

His main concern, elaborated in an article called "A new rule for the Queen and I" in the journal English Today, is the pro-

He points out that, under existing rules, the pronoun changes if it is the object rather than the subject. For example, we say "my wife and I went" but "he dislikes my wife and me". Though Dr Johnson was a



Rule-breakers: Baroness Thatcher and Rhodes Boyson

pronoun, Shakespeare, Thackeray and Dickens were not. Professor Honey wants the rules changed because so many well-known people are breaking them. He cites as examples: ☐ Baroness Thatcher (Oxford graduate): "It is not for you and I sitting here to condemn ...' ☐ Sir Rhodes Boyson (Ex-headmaster and former education minister): "The Labour party have taken the Red Rose as their

stickler for the correct use of the emblem [but] I don't think they asked permission of we Lancastrians before they did it." ☐ Professor Brian Cox (professor of English at Manchester University and chairman of a government working party on English): "Philip Larkin expressed nervousness about allying himself to we jackbooted

characters." ☐ The case of the Prince of Wales is more complicated. In exam candidates and, of course, an interview with the BBC last by you and me/l.

year when asked if he had been faithful to his wife, he replied: Yes, until it had become clear that it had irretrievably broken down, us both having tried."

Professor Honey suggests that the Oxford English Dic-tionary recognises the use of "us" and a participle in what is technically called an absolute construction. On the other hand, the prince might have mixed up "we both having tried" and "both of us having tried".

Professor Cox said last week: "The view of all modern linguists is that the concept of correctness as absolute is foolish because our notions of correctness keep changin

Peter Bassett, of the Oucen's English Society. countered; "You would not find a single soul among our members who would support a change in the rules. Words still have a specific meaning. Unless people use them correctly there will come a time when we don't know what we mean.

Professor Honey suggests an alternative rule for optional use by academics, politicians,

# Drug tests 'denying patients full care'

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

Thousands of patients are being denied effective treatment due to unnecessary "placebo" treatments in trials intended to test new drugs, doctors have

In particular, doctors have attacked the way trials for a new drug aimed at preventing vomiting after operations have been carried out. In studies of whether the

drug ondansetron worked. 8,806 patients had taken part in the trials by July 1994. But 2,620 of these were given place-bos and denied existing antinausea drugs which "though not completely effective or without side effects" do bring some relief, according to Dr Rebecca Aspinall and Dr Neville Goodman, anaesthetists at Southmead Hospital in Bristol.

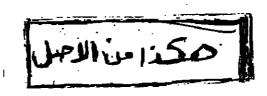
The doctors acknowledge that when new drugs are first produced, placebo trials are needed because it is known that any medical intervention can appear to benefit some pa-

tients. By testing the new drug against a placebo, doctors can be sure of its real effect - and not just the effect of patients being given at least some appar ent "treatment".

Once it is known to work, however, new drugs should be ucts to find out which works best, rather than having drug companies sponsor yet more trials which involve placebos - 18 in this case - in order to build up an apparent weight of evidence in the drug's favour.

In the case of ondansetron. "it is difficult not to conclude that this was an example of the industry failing to seek information that would allow true comparison against rival products\*, the doctors say in this week's British Medical Journal.

To gain a licence, drug companies have only to prove that their drug works - not that it works as well or better than others. In future, comparative data should be mandatory before a licence is given and the NHS may need itself to run such trials, the doctors argue.



# Firm suspected of breaking Serb embargo

CHRIS BLACKHURST

Two executives from a company in Cyprus are being refused entry to Britain because officials fear the firm has been dealing with the Bosnian Serbs in defiance of a United Nations em-

The two work for East Point Holdings which has an office in Mayfair, central London, and is registered at Companies House. East Point is on the US Government hit-list of companies than food or medical supplies

reaching the Bosnian Serbs.
Chris Peacock, of the Department of Public Affairs at the US Treasury in Washington, said East Point was on the federal warning list. "If someone is on the list, all transactions with them by US persons are prohibited and all their assets which come into the US jurisdiction are blocked," he said. He added that a "very thor-

suspected of busting sanctions ough" investigation, relying on which prohibit anything other information drawn from "all available agencies" had concluded the company had been

trading with the Bosnian Serbs. The US list is published mainly as a warning to banks not to make loans to such companies. No such list is available in this country and firms on the US register are allowed to carry on trading freely. Only if Customs decide to investigate and a prosecution ensues, do they

East Point describes itself as a 'general trader" and has a year. On the register, its direc-

tors are listed as two Greek Cypriots based in Nicosia. The mortgage with the Cyprus Poppremises in Chesterfield Street, Éast Point owns 90 per cent

of Yu Point, a Yugoslavian machinery, metals and oil de- and Cyprus. The three staff in

At their existing premises in Albermarle Street, Mayfair, turnover of \$300m (£190m) a East Point's UK staff are furious at the Foreign Office's refusal to grant their colleagues visas. They deny emphatically company recently took out a ever having themselves broken sanctions. In an ecrity quiet ofular Bank to redevelop new UK fice - the phones rang just once during the Independent's visit - they said their business was dealing in "agricultural

firm accused by the US of sanc-tions-breaking, "We can't un-derstand what is going on; it is a problem we can't explain," said the UK manager. He and his two assistants refused to give their names, claiming it would

"not be helpful." While the directors are listed as Greek Cypriots, they admitted the real bosses are Yugoslavs now living in Russia

According to documents at company and 51 per cent of M rivatives ~ crude oil". They London said they were all Serbs but we never hear of them". Companies House in London, Point in Hungary. knew they were working for a and professed outrage at the They refused to elaborate on Western alliance's treatment

> "Why did the US attack Serbian positions?" As to the horrific attack on the Sarajevo market place which prompted the Nato assault, that was not the Serbs. "The Serbs did not attack the market; it was the Muslims in act of provocation," they explained. Warming to their theme, they said there had been "atrocities on all sides people back home.

They refused to elaborate on what they are doing in London. "We are just looking for mar-kets, we have no real business here," said the manager. They would like their colleagues to be able to join them and want to

move into the new building. As for the UN blockade, he said, "we hope sanctions will go. so one day we can continue to work". Until then, they stressed, they will not be trading with the

# 'Living dead' up for grabs in Cottle's shop of horrors | Shoppers make

### WILL BENNETT

The Bride of Dracula smiled serenely at curious onlookers, the blood dripping from her mouth as she lay in her coffin under a sign which invited them to "view one of the living

In her heyday, the animated figure was part of a ghost train ride looming out of the darkness to frighten holidaymakers. But youngsters today expect something more spectacular and it is a few years since she made anybody scream.

Yesterday, the bride fetched £510 at one of the most extraordinary house clearance auctions ever held in Britain. Gerry Cottle, entrepreneur and former circus owner, had decided to empty his barn at his winter beadquarters at Addlestone Моог, Ѕштеу.

No one could ever accuse Mr Cottle, who has handed over the running of his circus to his three daughters, of being sentimental. As he viewed items he had collected over 25 years in circuses and fairgrounds, he said: "In the winter, we need to use this shed for servicing the vehicles and we don't have room for all

Buyers, some from the United States, Germany and the Netherlands, picked their way through the shed with the reverential awe of children let loose in a toyshop so wonderful that they barely knew where to start. About the only thing not for sale was a huge illuminated sign bearing the

Cottle name. Quadro and Lazar, otherwise known as Hughie and Christie O'Neill, from Woking, Surrey, were after an organ for

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Last gasp: The Bride of Dracula looks out from her coffin as the bidding gets under way in Gerry Cottle's barn sale

their magic shop and props for their stage illusions and com-

Mr O'Neill said: "It is very unusual for this type of stuff to come on to the market, some of it is just irreplaceable. I am sur-

prised he is selling it." Paul White, an amateur enthusiast from Lingfield, Surrey, added: "It is the memorabilia in the auction that attracts me. But it is quite sad that it is being sold - it is a bit like being at some-

body's funeral." When bidding got under way, a two-headed calf, made by a taxidermist to shock circus- goers, fetched £210 and an eight-legged lamb,

A small Thomas the Tank En-

gine ride went for £160, while fibreglass clown masks, from Butlins holiday camps in the 1950s, sold for £60 to £100

But a waxwork figure of dent enthusiasts were probably Queen Victoria, which had too frightened to bid. But a waxwork figure of

gazed sternly down on the proceedings from the platform by the auctioneer, failed to find a buyer. She looked so disapproving that even the most ar-

# light work of metrication

MARY BRAID

A rallying call for a national anti-metric hero to step forth and save our Anglo-Saxon heritage was issued vesterday - but it failed to spark a popular re-

Sir George Gardiner, senior Conservative right-winger, stood up for Little Englanders everywhere when he condemned the metrication of Britain's weights and measures as "a day of shame for all past governments who have pawned our heritage, knowing they can

never buy it back." So much had been eroded but now was time to rise up, in defence of pounds and feet. "All power to traders who refuse to bow to this diktat, and give their customers the choice," he encouraged. 'And just wait for the public outcry if one of them is hauled before the courts."

But a small demonstration by a dozen members of the UK Independence Party outside a west London branch of Sainsbury's was the height of mass resistance. At the store's branch in Camden, where metric measurement has been phased in over three months, shoppers were largely unfazed by Day One of the new order. Luvvie its easy," soothed an elderly lady at the meat fridge running her finger down one of store's large conversion posters. "No need for a fuss. Schoolchildren have been doing it for ages and I taught myself last week. You erendum.

have to move with the times." Others were not even aware of this latest assault on the na-tion's pride. "Metri-what love," asked the trader in the market down the road. "Exciting, innit?"

All over Britain news agencies tried to ferret out the disgruntled. Bristol anglers were furious to discover that the traditional pint of maggots might soon come in litres. For some bizarre reason, seaworms were given a reprieve until the year 2000.

Ian Macaulay, host at the Bell pub near Newbury, Berkshire, pledged that in his public house a pint of shandy would remain just that - despite the EC ruling that it was a soft drink and should therefore be measured in litres. The Bell, where money is still stored in a drawer, not a till, and the bar is no more than a hatch in the wall, is a shrine to those who would re-

sist the march of time. Grocer David Wood, the only supplier of petrol in the village of Little Marsham, Kent, sadly drew his last gallon from his 1946 pump, complaining that the EC directive was yet another nail in the small businesses' coffin. "It seems to me they just don't want the little people any more - it's all being set up for the big shops."

For Bob Brown, on the vegetable stall at Camden market. the only relief was that he was unaffected for another five years. He would resist till the end – the only hope was a ref-

# I'M A LOYAL MONARCHIST SAYS **AUSTRALIAN**

Until then, there's Glenfiddich to enjoy.

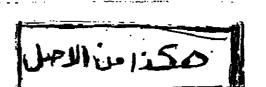




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# Pioneering trial to recycle TV sets and kettles

**CHARLES ARTHUR** Technology Correspondent

Unwanted toasters, kettles, televisions and other domestic appliances will be recycled in an ambitious scheme starting today among 10,000 homes in West

The 12-month trial in Worthing and Midhurst is the first of its kind in Europe, and will try to find out how much valuable material can be recovered from products that would normally be thrown on to waste tips.

If it proves profitable, the

scheme could be extended to recycle materials from a number of areas. Industry estimates suggest 500,000 tons of electrical and electronic equipment are thrown away every year, equivalent to about 27 kilograms of waste from each

Unwanted appliances can contain valuable products, such as aluminum, gold and silver (in electrical contacts), iron and steel, as well as plastics that can he recycled for use in other and silver from the electrical

products. The study, funded by the industry Council for Electronic and Electrical equipment Recycling (ICER), will investigate whether it is economic to recover them. Paper recycling projects, for example, have of-ten proved unprofitable because of the varying cost of

paper.

People in Worthing and Midhurst will be asked to take gadgets — "anything with a plug or battery" — to a disposal site. Refrigerators will be treated separately because they contain CFCs, which cannot be re-leased into the atmosphere.

A weekly collection will take the remaining items to four recycling companies. The service will be free. "There is a similar scheme running in some German districts, but people have to pay for it," said Claire Snow, director of the industry body ICER which is sponsoring the trial. "That means people don't use the service as much as they concentrates on retrieving gold

ICER expects to collect about 250 tons of waste equipment during the trial. "We are really trying to concentrate on the Snow. "Nobody has any idea how much useful stuff will really come out of the jumble of things you collect." ICER hopes to have preliminary results by the end of the year, including analysis of the comparative volumes collected of plastics, metals, rubber, glass and organic

"The problem is that, compared to commercial waste, where there is a legal requirement for the producer to contrel its disposal, very little is known about domestic waste," said Ms Snow. "The Government recently emphasised the importance of recycling in this field, but it's a big challenge in any national recycling stream." However, the Government has not contributed any money.



New leaves: Visitors exploring the thinning Hampton Court maze in south-west London, which is soon to be replanted Photograph: David Sandison

# Comeback for corncrake

**NICHOLAS SCHOON** Environment Correspondent

One of Britain's most endangered birds, the cornerake, shows signs of coming back from the brink. For two years running its numbers have increased in the Hebridean islands and Orkney where it has made its last stand.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds estimates that the number of calling males has risen from 480 to 570 over the past two years.

south-east Africa, was a common farmland bird before the

Many older people can still remember its rasping call. It has been a victim of the moderni-

Returning: Corncrakes are multiplying in Hebrides

sation of farming, which has de-nied it the tall grass it needs through spring and most of

e past two years.

It had held out in Northern
The corncrake, a relative of Ireland as well as in the the moorben which winters in Scottish islands but the last time it bred in Ulster was in 1993. Numbers have risen re-

shown that the timing and method of hay cutting are cru-cial for the survival of the comcrake nestlings in crofters'

For the past four years it has joined with the Scottish Crofters' Union and the Government in running a scheme which pays crofters to not cut hay or silage until after 31 July.

To get the money, the crofters also have to mow in a way which reduces the risk of the young birds fleeing into the path of the mower. The scheme cost £300,000 to run this year. Stuart Housden of the RSPB

said: "We have a real chance of

halting the slide towards ex-He urged all farmers on land with corncrake potential to take

RSPB experiments on the Hebridean island of Coll have up the payments.

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# Hospital funding stokes NHS controversy

Chief Political Correspondent

The go-ahead is to be given for four privately financed NHS hospitals by the Secretary of State for Health, Stephen Dor- the risk for the building. tell, in a move that is certain to cause a fresh controversy over the future of the health service.

Stonehaven in Scotland will be followed by a new £100m hospital for the NHS covering Norwich and Norfolk. Private sector building firms will also put up the money for hospital units costing millions of pounds in Bishop Auckland, Swindon and Mariborough, and North

Under the plans, the NHS will run the hospitals for NHS patients, but the buildings will be owned by the private construction companies on NHS land. Nick Brown, shadow health minister, said he had evidence in leaked papers that the private contracts could be limited to nine years, raising doubts about the NHS retaining use of the buildings in the long term.

ious to deny that it was a step

towards the privatisation of the NHS. But Labour is hostile to the plans. The Treasury has relaxed its rules to allow the hospitals to be built, providing that the private sector accepts

The NHS will increasingly rely on the private finance initiative for capital spending, as the Treasury imposes a moratorium on capital projects to cut public expenditure. Over the last 10 years, there were 10 contracts for NHS hospitals for over £25m, but there are 25 schemes for that amount by the private sector in the pipeline.

Mr Dorrell will challenge Labour to accept privately financed projects in a series of speeches, which will seek to exploit alleged differences of view between Mr Blair and Margaret Beckett, his shadow Secretary of State for Health, over whether Labour should allow private finance in the NHS.

Whitehall sources say Mr Dorrell is also considering relaxing the guidelines on the internal market in the NHS to allow more freedom of competition between hospitals for

His strategy is likely to alarm Tory grass-roots supporters who have tabled motions for the party conference next month calling for the closure of Bart's and other hospitals to be halted. There are also calls for a slowdown to the changes. Vauxhall Tories urged the Government to

recognise "there needs to be a

time of adjustment for all". The moves risk raising fears that the Government is embarking on a privatisation programme for the NHS, which ministers deny. Mr Dorrell will tell the conference in a debate on health that the private finance initiative will boost the NHS and could double the building of hospitals costing

over £25m for NHS patients. He has rejected the advice to the Prime Minister by a former deputy chairman of the party, John Maples, in a leaked memorandum, that the Government should aim to keep health out of the headlines. He is determined to take a high profile, but to do more to reassure the voters that the Government is improving the health service.



Old ways: A nurse, Elizabeth Smith, with a patient at Arduthie hospital, Grampian

# Cottage care in the past as profit forms the future

Scotland used as test-bed for radical medical project. John Arlidge reports

The Government is to use Scotland as a test-bed for its most radical private finance project - the creation of Britain's first private NHS hospital, where all patients will be treated by medical staff working for profit-mak-

ing firms. Scottish Office ministers are urging the private sector to build, equip and run a new pub-lic hospital in Stonehaven, a fishing town near Aberdeen. More than five companies have aiready offered to fund the £6.5m centre, which will provide a wide range of services, including casualty, for up to 20,000 local people.

The initiative, which is backed by Grampian health board, the local health authority, has provoked a political storm. Labour, health unions and the British Medical Association say it marks the first, decisive step towards NHS pri-

Under the scheme, private investors will build and equip the new hospital, which will re-place Stonehaven's two ageing "cottage" health centres – the Arduthie and the Woodcott. GPs will provide the in-house medical care but the health board will ask private firms to bid for the £2.5m annual contract to supply all clinical and ancillary services, including

Although Grampian Healthcare Trust, the local NHS provider, is also expected to submit a tender, observers say that, with ministerial support, a private company is set to win. Firms will make their bids next month and health managers will announce the winner earlv next vear. Because it is an NHS contract, treatment will continue to be free.

Health authority officials are turning to the private sector because they argue it can act faster than the cash-starved NHS. Frank Hartnett, general manager of Grampian health board, said: "With Treasury constraints on spending, the public sector cannot fund this project now. But top-quality private companies want to invest here right away. By using these firms, we can get an NHS hospital quickly and at no extra cost

are the driving force behind the initiative, agree. They argue that if the private sector builds and runs the new hospital more public money will be available for other NHS projects.



Frank Hartnett: 'standards

But doctors' leaders and onposition MPs bitterly oppose the plan. They insist it threatens to destroy the NHS. Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association, argues that "the very essence of the NHS" is at stake in Stone-haven. "Never before has an entire NHS clinical services contract been offered to the private sector. If a private company wins this contract, it will mark the end of the centrally planned and resourced health service which has provided cheap, highquality care across Britain for 50 years - and the beginning of a fragmented, privatised and ultimately more expensive service. That would be an unprecedented act of vandalism.

The proposals also worry local medical staff at Arduthie and Woodcott. They are concerned that a private company will bring in new employees or try to force down the wages of existing workers to increase profits. They also question how the health board will guarantee existing standards of care.

Mr Hartnett insists standards will be "among the highest" in Britain. "As a test case, this will be the most closely scrutinised hospital in the country." And he rejects claims that the scheme heralds the privatisation of the NHS. This hospital will be part of the NHS and treatment will continue to be free. The only difference is that staff will not be public sector employees.

Whoever wins the contract, the Government wants to conso that the hospital can open ministers can use it to bolster the case for private-public sector partnerships in the health

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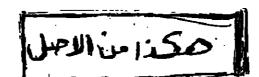
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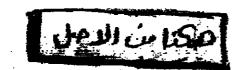
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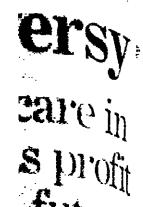


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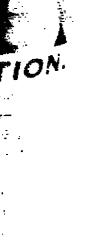
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# Brown to unveil £1.4bn youth jobs package

The leadership sees a successful Australian scheme as model for Britain

PAIRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

Labour will today make a firm commitment to earmark £1.4bn for youth job creation and training, while setting its face against shopping lists of "irresponsible"

spending commitments.

Disclosing a four-pronged package of measures for the under-25s on the conference's opening day, Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, will tell delegates that the "fate of this generation of Thatcher's children – now Major's young unand DONALD MACINTYRE employed - is a human tragedy on a colossal scale that affects millions of families. Our objective is nothing less than the abolition of youth unemployment."

The package to help 620,000 unemployed people aged 18-24 will form a manifesto commitment at the next general election. Cash from the one-off "windfall tax" on the private the "forgotten generation" of

jobless young people find work, Mr Brown told BBC's Breakfast

with Frost programme yesterday. Private-sector employers would be offered a £60 a week rebate for six months for each person taken on full time under the age of 25 and unemployed for six months - on condition they guarantee one day off a

The Jet programme - Jobs,

Education and Training - was

launched more than five years

ago, targeted at lone parents with the aim of helping them

According to Labour's Social

Justice Commission, which ad-

vocated the idea, it has reached

nearly half of Australia's lone

parents, significantly raising

their levels of training, em-

back into work.

week to study for National Vo-cational Qualifications. empted from the NVQ condi-tion. called 16-hour-rule to enable "tax and spend" image. "The young people following ap-real economic issue facing

For non-profit voluntary sector jobs, young people would be allowed to keep their welfare benefits, averaging £55 a week plus £20, again on condition that they are allowed one day a week day-release for NVQ

have consistently out-stripped

targets and are now close to the

overall programme costs," ac-

cording to the commission. "In-

deed, the programme has been so successful that the Australian

government is now considering

extending it to the registered

A key reason for the

scheme's success was the help

long-term unemployed."

Alternatively, young people who signed up for Labour's planned environment taskforce would be allowed to keep their benefits plus £20, again subject to the day-release requirement. Under the fourth avenue,

ployment and earnings. "Savings it offers with child care. Lone ment service, providing a "one-

parents who are training or

unemployed receive priority in

publicly funded child-care ser-

vices but the programme can fi-

nance temporary child care for .

its clients if they have trouble

finding suitable help.
Under the Social Justice

Commission's proposals, a UK Jet programme would provide

a comprehensive re-employ-

young people following ap-proved full-time training course to keep their benefits.

But firing a warning shot across the bows of his party's left wing, and in a rebuff to the Liberal Democrats, Mr Brown will deliver one of the strongest

stop re-employment shop" ad-

vising on education and training

services, career possibilities,

job openings and child-care fa-

cilities, as well as help in mov-

ing from out-of-work to in-work

The service should concen-

trate initially on those out-of-

work for more than a year,

allowing people newly unem-

Britain is not the Tory 1p down or the Liberal 1p up. The real economic issue that concerns millions is how to end job insecurity," Mr Brown will say during the debate on the party's economic policy paper, A New study. Graduates would be ex- Labour would relax the so- denunciations yet of Labour's Economic Future for Britain.

ployed to simply sign on for the first 26 weeks - largely because

many newly unemployed peo-

remain so after a vear.

that we tax, spend and borrow. it is because I care not just about our responsibility to one another but our responsibility to build our future on the hard foundations of a just and effi-

Free child care helps lone parents return to work employment". According to British Labour sources, the Australian government has saved £60m since introducing

the scheme five years ago be-

cause it does not have to pay sin-

gle parents' benefit to women ple find jobs quickly. It should then concentrate on those out the schen Although in the long term of work for more than six single parents who are provided with child-care facilities and months to ensure they do not Its role would include soonsuitable job opportunities could soring "micro-entrepreneurs" who have the talent to move be required to accept work, there is no question of introducing compulsion at this stage.

of figures, no quick fixes, no short cuts, no pay explosions, and no shopping lists of irre-sponsible commitment."

The job creation and training package goes far further than last year's pledge to give a em-ployers a £75 a week rebate for six months for taking on people who had been unemployed for

more than two years. Under the new proposals, 700,000 offers of employment and training would have to be made during the first year to cope with the 305,000 young people already unemployed for more than six months and the

400,000 who would join them. Labour economists have advised that the scheme would cost £1bn in the first year and £400m in the second but would reap savings by the end of the Parliament. The party estimates that the one-off levy on the privatised industries would produce between £2.5bn and £3bn of revenue.

Blunkett

rails at

'rhetoric

of past'

David Blunkett, the Labour

education spokesman, yesterday defended Tony Blair's decision

to send his son to a grantmaintained school and warned

sway the conference behind a

proposal to abolish "opt-out"

schools, but Mr Blunkett told a

fringe meeting Labour had to

set an agenda for tomorrow

Traditionalists will attempt to

the party against nostalgia.

STEPHEN GOODWIN

# Union warning to Blair over voting share

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Union leaders have warned Tony Blair they will fight any fresh attempt to reduce their influence over policy-making in the Labour Party.

In a recent meeting senior union representatives told the Labour leader that their vote at annual conferences should not be cut below 50 per cent.

Unions will wield 70 per cent of the votes at this week's annual party assembly in Brighton, but the proportion is due to move down to half next year. At the biennial conference of

the Transport and General Workers' Union in the summer Mr Blair indicated that he could envisage the percentage being reduced further as individual party membership increased.

However at a meeting of the "contact" group in the Com-mons, leaders of all the largest Labour affiliates told Mr Blair that they had serious misgivings about his policy of "constant revolution" of the party's internal structure.

Revelations about the contact meeting will be used by the Government to argue that the party is still "in bock" to the unions despite the new Labour image promoted by Mr Blair.

Most worrying for the party

resentatives of the biggest

unions were in pursuit of a con-

ference delegate in Brighton last

night in an attempt to avert po-

tential embarrassment today in

a debate on the national mini-

mum wage, writes Barrie

filiates hoped to persuade Jane

Saren, from Edinburgh Central

constituency, to remit a motion

calling for a rate of £4.15. Par-

ty leaders want a low-pay com-

mission to advise on a minimum

figure under the Labour gov-

ernment and is anxious to avert

a conference vote for any par-

If Ms Saren refuses to co-op-

crate, the chances of the motion

being passed were hanging in the

balance last night after unions

seemed to be split on the issue.

The largest affiliate, the Trans-

ticular rate.

The party and its major af-

Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, which was among the affiliates counselling caution on any further changes. The AEEU has been the one of the most vociferous supporters of one-member one-vote in the party and the union's leaders have previously said the principle should be extended to pol-

icy-making assemblies. Ken Jackson, acting general secretary of the AEEU, revealed yesterday that Mr Blair had been warned that union voting power should not be reduced below half.

"The trade union movement is united left, right and centre on this issue," said Mr Jackson. "We agreed that 50 per cent should be the floor.

"We believe union members form a fair chunk of the electorate. If they support the Labour Party, they should have a major involvement in policymaking." He said that if unions backed the reduction of the percentage even further they would be acting like "turkeys voting for Christmas". It was important that the interests of working people were represented.

Mr Jackson also said the union disagreed with Mr Blair's over the sponsorship of MPs. The Labour executive is conchannel financial backing from leadership was the attitude of unions to constituencies rather the ultra-loyalist and right-led than individual MPs.

proposition, but opted to oppose

it if it is tabled. The union's pol-

icy is to back the £4.15 but T&G

delegates are prepared to vote

against it because of what ap-

peared to be a drafting error.
The composite motion called for

a minimum to be struck at half

male median earnings to be up-

rated eventually to two-thirds of

average carnings.

Bill Morris, leader of the

T&G, pointed out his union's

policy was that the amount

should rise over time to two-

thirds of "median" earnings.

He denied his union was voting

against the resolution to placate

Tony Blair. The T&G leader said

the wording of the motion was "confused" and that it was dif-

The GMB general union also

wants the proposition to be re-

mitted but will back it if it goes

ferent to the union's policy.



Eye of the storm: Liz Davies in Brighton yesterday. She got a heroine's welcome at a Campaign for Labour Party Democracy rally Photograph: John Voos

# command tries to quell Davies row

Labour's high command yes-terday offered angry delegates the chance to debate the blocking of the left-winger Liz Davies as a parliamentary candidate in sulting members over a plan to an attempt to quell a potentially explosive dispute, write Patri-

Officials move to not eased when it emerged last gency. The move to allow a lim-night that 13 resolutions for an ited debate could be challenged emergency debate had been on the conference floor today. avert low-pay vote thrown out by conference organisers. Instead, two of those that the 31-year-old barrister submitting the motions will be was vetoed from standing as the invited to speak on a national duly selected candidate for Senior Labour officials and rep- had sought the remission of the

The national executive committee voted by 24 to 2 to opt for the compromise which party chiefs hope will contain the controversy, with Dennis Skinner and Diane Abbott, the two left-wing members, voting against in protest at the refusal Tension over the issue was to treat the issue as an emer-

Party chiefs have confirmed

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

and STEPHEN GOODWIN

Labour supporters of a refer-

endum on voting reform for the

Commons were last night

braced for a knife-edge vote on

retaining the policy, amid fears

that a big union might realign

delegation meeting, Ken Jack-

son, acting general secretary,

said his union did not want mi-

nority parties dictating policy to

the Government - one of the

principal objections to propor-

tional representation.
A conference vote on Thurs-

day over whether to reaffirm

Speaking after an AEEU

executive committee statement. Leeds North East even though no specific findings of guilt had been made. But Tom Sawyer, the party's

general secretary, insisted that the national executive had refused to endorse her because of her "long track-record of actions which include breaking the whip and being economical with the truth on certain items and her attitude over a long period of time".

welcome at an earlier left-wing from last week's vote to drop Ms Campaign for Labour Party Davies as a candidate, launched tingham South, called the move Democracy pre-conference ral- a direct attack on Tony Blair, a "crude and cruel witch-hunt".

Supporters of PR face knife-edge vote

voters decide on the voting sys-tem for general elections was al-

ready set to be close, and likely

to be clinched by the attitude of

constituency party delegates

who have 30 per cent of the con-

Among the large unions ac-counting for the lion's share of

the 70 per cent block vote, the

GMB is ready to reaffirm its

backing for a referendum, al-

though it still favours first-past-the-post itself. But if the AEEU

ioins the TGWU and possibly

Unison, the vote could be lost.

Home Secretary, personally backs keeping first-past-the-

Jack Straw, the shadow

ference vote.

day over whether to reaffirm post but will make a strong ap-John Smith's pledge to let the peal in his speech on Thursday

ly. Defending her link with the socialist *Labour Briefing*, which played a part in the refusal to endorse her, she said to applause: "The only thing that Labour Briefing has done wrong is that sometimes it upsets the Labour Party leadership

"I don't apologise for that. I Ms Abbott MP, a left-wing Ms Davies got a heroine's NEC member who was absent

asking the British people. And

the party's national executive

referendum, instead of re-

One key campaigner for the

reform said yesterday: "It would

be a democratic outrage if this

is determined by the union

two years.

block vote."

saying: "It seems that a Blair government is going to shrink from doing even the most elementary things to make good people and to our movement."

She added: "I am perfectly clear, as are many members of believe the leadership should be held to account and should be scrutinised by party members." the NEC, that we were not presented with a technical reason not to endorse Liz Davies ... the problem apparently with Liz Davies is that she is a socialist." Alan Simpson, MP for Not-

snuggle up to the Lib Dems are

linked with that kind of think-

The issue is one that tran-

visions, however. Supporters

of PR include Blair ultra-loyalist

and Northern Ireland

Spokesman Marjorie Mowlam,

Robin Cook, shadow Foreign

Secretary, and Clare Short, the

for Mr Smith's pledge to be re-tained, arguing that 20 years of argument must be resolved by scared and would welcome per-petual coalition with smaller parties. I think the moves to

committee yesterday decided to ing. There would be a perma-

support a motion favouring a nent job for Paddy Ashdown.

maining neutral as in the last scends traditional left-right di-

But speaking at a fringe meeting, the left-wing Alice the "soft" left, along with left

Mahon, MP for Halifax, said
"certain people" on the NEC
had changed their minds because they were "running president Arthur Scargill.

rather than "repeating the rhetoric of yesteryear". The division over opt-out schools - a key feature of the Government's schools reforms - is likely to surface tonight at a meeting to be addressed by Roy Hattersley, who has ac-cused the leadership of pan-

dering to the middle-class. Conference managers will oppose the abolition move on the grounds that it is at odds with Labour's policy document

Diversity and Excellence.

But Mr Blunkett told GMTV: "Some supporters should remember that there are those of us, including myself. who have been battling away for 30 years on the issue of equality of opportunity in education." He was committed to "ensuring that comprehensive education actually works for

every child, rather than simply being a rhetorical slogan". On the Labour Leader's decision to send his son to the Oratory School, west London, Mr Blunkett said he thought Mr Blair was "wise to talk with his family about the options that would have been available to him if the Oratory School had

school". "No one would have blinked an eyelid had he sent his child there a few years ago." Mr Blunkett said the party's

remained a voluntary-aided

policy on grant-maintained schools conformed with principles already agreed - equity of funding, a fair admissions policy, and a key planning role for local education authorities - and were designed to raise education standards for the majority, not the favoured few The commitment to limit class sizes for all children be-

tween five and seven, which Mr Blair is expected to announce tomorrow, was a key part of this, Mr Blunkett said. The pledge is expected to cost up to £36m and could be paid for by phasing out the £110m Assisted Places Scheme, which subsidises independent school places for children of low-income families.

The education spokesman also hinted at a review of the charitable status of independent schools. "We believe that schools like Eton, Prince William being there or anyone else, should not be treated as if they were Oxfam. It is not our job to subsidise private educa-

Trailing the themes Mr Blair will set out tomorrow, Mr Blunkett said welfare to work, raising standards in education and moving towards full employment were the core ideas of the modern Labour Party.

### New money makes old Labour's poverty a distant memory panies and individuals. While Central Office operation to the

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

Labour is well on the way to supplanting the Conservatives as the wealthiest political party in Britain.

The Tories may have the highest income - and historically have been able to count on more cash than their rivals at election time – but they are now paying the price for running up a huge overdraft in the early Nineties. While they grapple to bring it down. Labour is putting millions aside for the next general election. Accounts released to party delegates in Brighton for the annual conference this week show that Tony Blair has had a galvanising effect on the party's financial as well as po-litical fortunes.

Labour's general election fight-The Tories, who meet next our fund-raising capacity to the

week in Blackpool, will be ex-horted by their leaders to try even harder. Their accounts show a good surplus in their last financial year of £2.95m but that came at the expense of further cuts at Central Office and they offer no indication of where the cash for the next general election, now less than two years

away, will come from. All three parties are overdrawn. The Tories pared £4.5m off their deficit last year which now stands at £11.37m; Labour has cut its deficit from a peak of £2.5m in 1992 to the present £1.1m, while the Liberal Democrats have reduced their overdraft to £150,000.

Despite that, the Lib Dems remain the poor relation. Unlike Labour, their work for the general election, to quote the Last year delegates are told, chair of the party's finance committee. Tim Clementing fund doubled to £4.5m. Jones, is already "stretching

Paying for politics: Blair's leadership has transformed party finances as the Tories struggle with an £11m overdraft

are in good shape, the Lib nesses for support. Dems need every extra penny they can get if they are to fight the next election on anything remotely approaching a level playing field - hence initiatives

General Election fund £4.5m

income:

Donations and

subscriptions

Other sources

Total income

Clare Short MP: Backs

How the main parties are funded

General Election Fund N/A

Overdraft £11.38m

£0.86m

£1,71m

£15.30m

£12.35m

Tories

£2.37m

£4.32m

£2.23m

£8.92m

£8.48m

income:

Donations

Constituencies

Other sources

Total income

Expenditure

Surplus

limit". While their accounts such as targeting Asian busi- ey. In a year of sleaze, splits over Europe and plunging poll rat-While the Lib Dems have not put a foot wrong politically, the £12.7m of donations, an inthree parties' accounts show it crease of 35 per cent. As ever. is power or the real prospect of the party stoically refuses to power that brings in the mon- break that down between com-

Lib Dems	• • •
Income:	٠
Donations	£0.59m
Levies from state	
parties	£0.46m
Other sources	£0.26m
Total Income	£1.31m
Expenditure	£1.31m
Surplus	£0.005m
General Election fun	d NA
Overdraft	£0.15m
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supporters still seem happy to pay, the Tories' dismal political performance may account for a lump in takings from the sale of books and souvenirs - a major factor in a £900,000 drop in sundry income. A resurgent Labour, by contrast, saw its earnings from publications more than double, from £131,000 to £335,000.

With Labour having almost doubled its membership to 350,000 since Mr Blair took over, his party is clearly riding the crest of a financial wave. Even so, he ignores the unions at his peril. They still account to join, they do not come cheap. In the accounts expenditure on "membership processing" has gone up from £547,000 to £605,000.

The worry for the Tories is that while they have slashed the higher.

bone, it still eats money. Massively unpopular with the constituencies - last year almost 500 local associations failed to pay their full Central Office quotas with more than a dozen contributing nothing at all - staff costs at Smith Square continue to rise, up from £5.7m to £5.9m last vear. As delegates gather in

Brighton and Blackpool, they might reflect that they are making a vital contribution to party coffers. Annual conferences have become a vital part of the political year - not just for buoying up delegates and guarfor about half of total income. anteeing a media platform for As for all those people rushing a week. They are also big business. In 1993, Labour made a total profit of £26,000 from its conference. Last year, in Blackpool with

Mr Blair, it made £119,000. This week's profits should be even

### Today's business

Conference will debate economic policy and renewal, fair taxes and benefits, and rights at work, including the minimum wage. The results of elections for the national executive committee, the national constitutional committee and the conference arrangements committee will also be announced.

# comes to town for the West trial

### WILL BENNETT

Winchester has staged important trials for hundreds of years. Sir Walter Raleigh stood accused of treason in the Great Hall in 1603 and, in more recent times, IRA terrorists have been driven to the Crown Court amid tight security.

But the ancient Hampshire city, once home to the kings of Wessex, has never seen anything like the international media circus which is set to surround the trial of Rosemary West, on 10 charges of murder, which begins

on Tuesday.

From the moment that the date and venue of the trial was announced six months ago the telephones in Winchester's hotels began to ring as journalists, television crews, legal teams and others involved in the trial vied

to book the city's 617 rooms. Hotel managers had to balance the obvious commercial benefits of block media bookings for the trial, which is expected to last seven weeks, against the needs to reserve



who support them in less hectic times. David Johnson, general manager of the 94-room cide of her husband Prederick the city's cathedral, said: "Loyalty to our regular customers is very important and we have al-located 40 per cent of the rooms in the hotel to the media and the rest to other clients.'

Empty flats and offices near the Crown Court were rented within weeks, mostly for television crews, and restaurants and other small businesses expect a boost in trade just as the normal tourist season in Winchester winds down. About 130 reporters and hundreds of newspaper and televison cameramen from all over the world

are expected. The case went to Winchester for security reasons and because the recently completed Crown Court in Bristol is too close to the scene of the alleged murders in Gloucester. Winchester's court also has better facilities for coping with intense media interest than the Old Bailey in

London. For Alan Davison, chief clerk to Winchester Crown Court, the case has meant a much larger workload. He has leased two disused magistrates' courts next door to serve as a media annese. installed more telephone lines,

The trial will take place in Court Three, which is spacious, modern, and utterly different from the austere oak-panelled grandeur of the Old Bailey where so many famous murder trials have been held.

Mr Justice Mantell, presiding judge of the western judicial circuit, noted for his love of cricket and a kindly manner, will hear the case. He also presided over the Joy Gardner case, when three police officers were acquitted of the manslaughter of Mrs Gardner, an illegal immigrant, earlier this year.

The prosecution will be led by Brian Leveson QC, who took over the case from Neil Butterfield QC when the latter was appointed a High Court judge. He represented the Football Association when George Graham, the former Arsenal manager, was banned from the sport for accepting cash payments during transfer deals.

ed by Richard Ferguson QC, one of Britain's best known defence barristers. A former Ulchaired the Criminal Bar Association last year, his many high-profile briefs have includ ed defending both Ernest Saunders in the Guinness case and Terry Marsh, the former boxer acquitted of the attempted murder of promoter Frank Warren.

To Mr Leveson's right will sit Detective Superintendent John Bennett, the officer who led the murder inquiry which began at the West family home at 25 Cronwell Street, Gloucester, on 24 February 1994 and which ultimately cost £1.4 million.

People in the 52-seat public gallery, who are likely to include relatives of those found buried at Cromwell Street, will not be able to see Mrs West, 41, in the dock below. She now faces the far charges alone following the sui-

During the trial Mrs West will be held in Winchester Prison, half a mile from the court. There she will live in a special unit made from seven cells in the prison's segregation wing, which includes her own washing machine and dryer, and a visiting room where she can meet her family and lawyers.

Getting Mrs West from the prison to the court and back each day during the trial is the responsibility of Inspector Paul Stallard of Hampshire Police. He estimates that the journey will take two minutes each way, although one of the motorcycle escorts believes that they could do it in 75 seconds if necessary.

The road will be closed to other traffic during these two brief periods and 15 extra police officers will be on duty to control over-enthusiastic photographers and television crews, and curious members of the public. Insp Stallard said: "My aim is to get Mrs West down to the court and back again with the minimum of hindrance to herself and the minimum of inconvenience to the people of Winchester."

Mrs West denies the charges.

# Media circus Fried Mars Bar and chips wins place on the menu



Scotland Correspondent

Walk into the Haven fish and chip shop in Stonehaven and ask for a Mars Bar from the sweet counter. "Plain or in batter?" asks Evelyn Balgowan, who has been frying in the town's leading chippy since she was 14. For locals there is only one answer: In batter, with chips.

This year Scots, for whom fried food is the only food, have invented a new dish - the Mars Bar supper, the famous combination of sugar, glucose thick fish-batter, with a plastic tray of chips, for just 99p. It started in Stonehaven,

near Aberdeen, which until now has only been famous for its fish. This summer one local man, bored with his daily sta-ple, asked Miss Balgowan for a Mars Bar and suggested she fry it. "I just dunked it in the batter and chucked it in the frier,' she said. "The batter stopped the chocolate melting and the result was crispy on the outside and gooey on the inside." The man liked the new sweet takeaway and, once local children



Dietician's nightmare: A favourite with the young

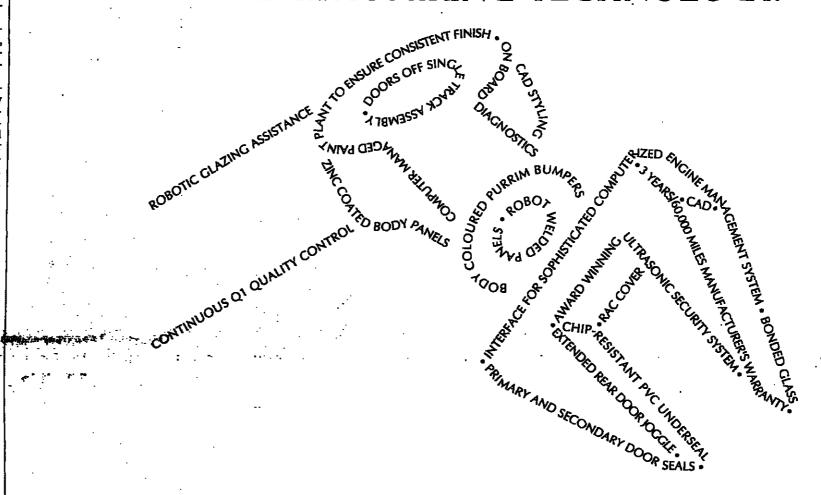
queue at 4pm stretched round the block, Ria Fowler, 15, who works in her auntie's fish shop after school, said she liked the new, warm Mars because "it's sweet and sticks to your teeth".

And now that the dish's popularity is spreading-Mars Bars land - the Haven has extended its menu to include deep-fried Yorkies, Snickers, Crunchies. even Chewitts. But not everyone is happy. Some parents have

high-fat, high-cholesterol food in a country which has the worst heart-disease record in wan has even received hate mail. But she defends her creation: "It's not that much worse than a normal Mars Bar.'

Stonehaven supper the Inde-pendent recommends a large deep-fried pickled egg with salad cream and chips, followed by a lightly fried Mars

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### DAILY POEM

### At The End By RS Thomas

Few possessions: a chair. a table, a bed to say my prayers by, and, gathered from the shore the bone-like, crossed sticks proving that nature acknowledges the Crucificion. All night I am at a window not too small to be frame to the stars that are no further off than the city lights I have rejected. By day the passers by who are not pilgrims, stary through the rain's bars, seeing me a prisoner of the one view, I who have been made free by the view, I who have been made free by the tide's pendulum muth that the heart that is low now will be at the full tomorrow.

RS Thomas was born in Cardiff in 1913 and has spent most of his life in Wales, from 1936 as a clergyman in the Church of Wales. One of the great poetic voices of the 20th century. now in his eighties. Thomas is still writing as powerfully as ever. His candidature for the Nobel Prize for Literature for 1996 is supported both by the latest winner, Kenzaburo Oe, and by Lord Gowrie. More than twenty books of his poetry have appeared since 1946, this poem taken from his latest collection published by Bloodaxe Books, No Truce with the Furies.

RS Thomas will be reading from his poetry tomorrow at Jarvis Royal Hotel, Cardiff, at 8pm as part of the 1995 Cardiff Royal Hotel, Cardiff, at 8pm as part of the 1995 Cardiff Literature Festival. Box Office inquiries to 01222 878444.

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European summit: Finance ministers insist monetary union will go ahead on schedule but they still have to convince the public

# Good ship 'Emu' wrenched back on course

SARAH HELM Valencia

Under the deep blue skies of the Spanish coast. Europe's future seemed suddenly so clear. Monetary union must go ahead, decided finance ministers, meeting in Valencia at the

Let nobody be in any doubt. the ministers declared, the good ship Emu is well on course to reach safe harbour by 1999, and national currencies will be replaced by a single European cur-rency which will probably be called the Euro.

The meeting was another turning point for European monetary union. The ministers were under pressure to consider a delay, following signs that Germany might be wavering at the prospect of replacing the strong mark with an untested single currency. The Franco-German alliance was fracturing, amid fears that even France might not Emu, and opinion polls across quell the fears, chimed ministers, Europe have shown growing aublic doubt

The Valencia meeting left no question about the seriousness of European governments' intention to proceed. It was as if the turmoil in the financial market had never happened and as if the doubts of the Germans had suddenly been dispelled. There will be time" to convince the people and "there will be time" to their ship off course?

it yet, but Europe's single cur-

rency looks almost certain to be

called "the Euro". The "Florin"

by some, writes Sarah Helm.

is still a runner, and the

'Franken" is a name favoured

One idea was to use Euro as

a prefix to existing national

currency names, hence the

Euro-pound or the Euro-mark.

However, at Valencia there was

informal consensus over lunch It should be simple to under-

as the noise of public protest

lapped away across the sea. The real significance of the Valencia meeting, however, remains unclear. Was the determination of ministers to go ahead as planned an act of brave political leadership? Or did the Spanish sun just blind them to the wave of serious doubts which still threatened to push

Smart money is on the 'Euro'

that the Euro pure and simple

cision at the weekend for fear

of sparking public debate, and

the name will now be settled at

the Madrid summit in Decem-

ber. Five criteria (the EU likes

criteria) were agreed, however:

that the currency should be

given a name which is equally

recognisable in every country.

Ministers dodged a final de-

represents the best solution.

economic criteria, were clearly reaffirmed. In December this year, heads of government will make the final ruling on the currency's name, and settle practical plans for the changeover. the Valencia meeting decided. In January next year the European Commission will launch an advertising campaign to teach the public of Europe how the

stand, it should not give rise to any linguistic difficulty, it should

have a strongly European

flavour and the name should not

The name Ecu. envisaged

by the Maastricht treaty, has

now lost all favour. Germany in

particular objected to the name,

fearing it would become asso-

ciated in the German public

mind with Europe's weak bas-

give rise to any legal problems.

economies under tight control.
The decisions on which countries have met the economic tests - including reducing public debt and budget deficits - will be based on 1997 economic results, and will be made as early in 1998 as possible. On 1 January 1999, monetary single currency will work. By the

union will begin with the locking of exchange rates, and the launch of a single monetary policy: After three years Euro notes and coins will start to circulate. For six months national currencies will circulate in parallel with Euro-money, but will then cease to be legal tender. But the trouble is that the

to do so, must have their

more Europe's ministers set out detailed plans for monetary union the more likely they are to fuel public doubt. Recent disputes have hilled the public into believing that monetary union may never happen. So arcane has the Emu debate been so far,

Details of the timetable, and end of 1997 all member states so weighted down with dogma, who are eligible to join, and wish that the European public has not been brought face-to-face with the reality of losing familiar notes and coins. Once the currency is finally named and the education campaign starts, however, the public will start to give its verdict: the signs suggest that it might well be "no".

Britain's scepticism is well known, and at Valencia Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, reasserted Britain's right to exercise its opt-out. wever, whatever timetables Valencia may have agreed, there is no certainty that even Helmut Kohl, the pro-European German Chancellor, will be able to sell the single currency to his voters. Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, who raised questions 10 days ago, was giving voice to mounting German fears about sinking the mark into a single

currency. A German poli pub-

lished before the Valencia meet-

ing showed that 45 per cent of

Germans would vote against monetary union and only 31 per cent would support it. Any further hesitation from German leaders will send financial markets into new turmoil.

in the European public mind, is inextricably linked with a wider etary union.

In France there has been little public debate on the single currency as yet. However, President Jacques Chirac knows that if he is to act on the declarations of Valencia he must swiftly impose stringent measures to cut the budget deficit sufficiently to meet the Emu criteria. In the

The issue of monetary union,

debate about more political power-sharing for the EU, which comes to a head at next year's Inter-Governmental Conference. For now, governments appear confused and divided about Europe's political future. If these divisions are not resolved before next year's IGC, the confusion will only heighten public fear about mon-

debate on political union, Mr Chirac is also under strong pressure to make unpopular concessions on French sover-

eignty. In the next few months, French support for Emu-and for Mr Chirac - may also ebb

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Portugal calmly

faces a

new era.

**ELIZABETH NASH** 

There was a whiff of change in the air as the Portuguese voted in general elections yesterday, even though the outcome is expected to remain in doubt until the last moment. Opinion polls, and the popular mood, suggest a tilt towards the moderate Socialist party, confident and ready to govern after 10 years in opposition.

But the ruling conservative Social Democrats have pulled out the stops in pursuit of a fourth term, and neither main party is expected to win an absolute majority. Both the Socialists, led by Antonio Guterres, and the Social Democrats. led by Fernando Nogueira, may lose votes to smaller parties on the left and right, respectively the Commu-nist-led CDU coalition and the Popular Party. Either of those parties could win 10 to 12 per cent and exercise considerable leverage upon a hung parlia-

Adding to the uncertainty is the high number of floating voters, possibly as many as 27 per cent. But Portugal's young democracy seems unworried. The markets and financial institutions are calmly facing the prospect of minority rule or a change of government.

President Mario Soares, in his eve-of-poll message, urged his compatriots to exercise their inalienable right and civic duty" to vote, adding soothingly that a party could serve the country "just as well in opposi-

tion as in government".

Portugal has known democratic stability for only 10 years. The 1974 "carnation revolution", which ended 50 years of dictatorship, ushered in a number of revolving-door govern-ments until the Social Democrat Anibal Cavaco Silva became Prime Minister in 1985.

Even if the ruling Social Democrats should win,things will never be quite the same. Mr Cavaco stepped down as party leader in February in favour of his deputy, possibly with a view to the presidential contest ear-

# Envoy plays down hopes for Bosnia

STEVE CRAWSHAW Belgrade

Richard Holbrooke, the US peace envoy to Yugoslavia, sought yesterday to dampen speculation that peace in Bosnia could be around the corner. After talks with President Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade, he emphasised that the distances to be bridged are still very large". Mr Holbrooke said that he

had had a "very good talk", in the midst of "an intense phase of shuttle diplomacy". Nobody could describe that last phrase as an exaggeration: Mr Holbrooke flew from Sarajevo to Belgrade on Saturday, held talks with Mr Milosevic till midnight, then left yesterday morning for the Croatian capital, Zagreb. He is due back in Belgrade tomorrow.

Locals are impressed by his energy, if nothing else: the Belgrade weekly Nin devoted a column to explaining the history of shati-diplomatia, "an American speciality at times of great urgency". Earlier in the weekend, Mr Holbrooke had warned against "premature" talk of a ceasefire. He argued: "This isn't an express train, and never was."

To an extent, Mr Holbrooke's caution may stem from the desire to make the final moment - when he pulls the rabbits out of the hat - all the more dramatic. The cover headline in Viente news magazine describes last week's deal, brokered by Mr Holbrooke, as "the New York Jajce" - a reference to the historic meeting which marked the founding of post-war Yugoslavia. Vreme speculated on a historic scene that would include the three presidents - Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, and Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia
- standing with President Bill Clinton on the White House lawn, to sign a peace plan. This scene would have been unthinkable until now, but after the performance which Holbrooke directed in New York, it seems that we may see this movie soon.

reasons to take Mr Holbrooke's

may be understated. Freme concluded: "It's a very different matter, how things will work out in practice. It is unclear whether these questions keep the Americans awake at night. To paraphrase Churchill: They won't have to live in

Bosnia after the war.' Questions of territory, including the future of Sarajevo and the proposed corridor to



Holbrooke: Bosnia neace not just round the corner

the Muslim-held town of Gorazde, will be hard to settle. But these problems pale into insignificance by comparison with the long-term difficulties of sustaining a deal, however the

The New York deal envisages a Bosnia consisting of two equal entities - the Muslim-Croat federation on the one hand, and the Republika Srpska on the other. Within the Muslim-Croat federation, however, the Croats now offer little loyalty to a Bosnian government and look almost entirely to Zagreb.

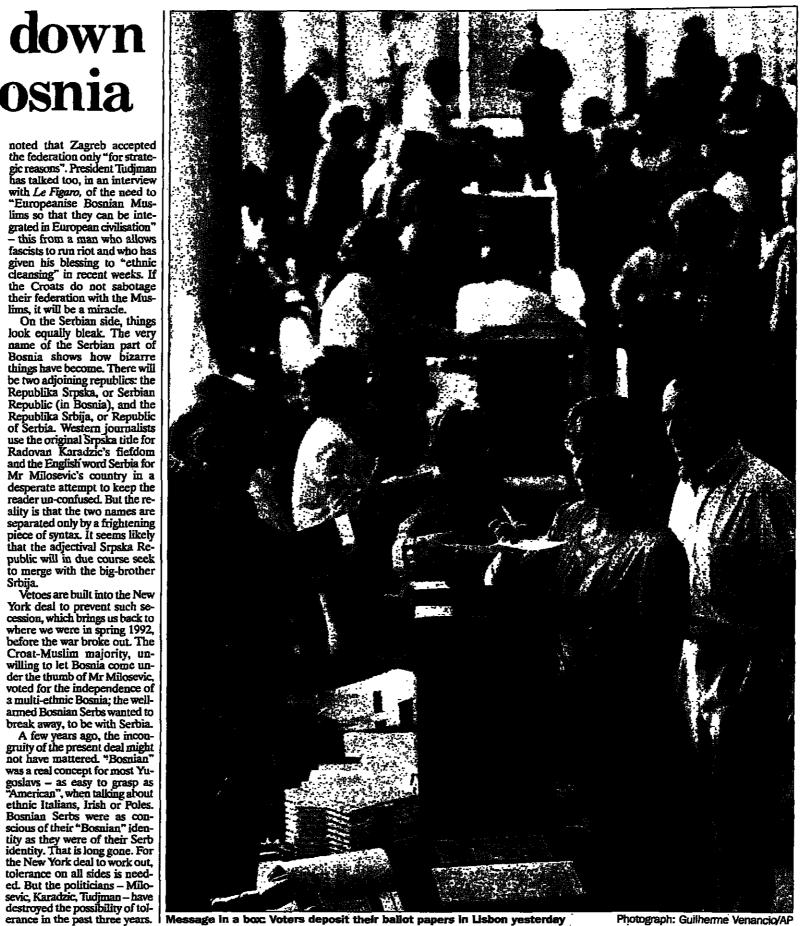
The Bosnian Croats have Croat currency, a Croat army, and the Croat flag. Mr Tudiman carve up Bosnia; recently he

caution at face value. Indeed, it noted that Zagreb accepted the federation only "for strategic reasons". President Tudjman has talked too, in an interview with Le Figuro, of the need to "Europeanise Bosnian Muslims so that they can be integrated in European civilisation" this from a man who allows fascists to run riot and who has given his blessing to "ethnic cleansing" in recent weeks. If the Croats do not sabotage their federation with the Mus-

lims, it will be a miracle. On the Serbian side, things look equally bleak. The very name of the Serbian part of Bosnia shows how bizarre things have become. There will be two adjoining republics: the Republika Srpska, or Serbian Republic (in Bosnia), and the Republika Srbija, or Republic of Serbia. Western journalists use the original Srpska title for Radovan Karadzic's fieldom and the English word Serbia for Mr Milosevic's country in a desperate attempt to keep the reader un-confused. But the reality is that the two names are separated only by a frightening piece of syntax. It seems likely that the adjectival Srpska Republic will in due course seek to merge with the big-brother Srbija. Vetoes are built into the New

York deal to prevent such secession, which brings us back to where we were in spring 1992, before the war broke out. The Croat-Muslim majority, unwilling to let Bosnia come under the thumb of Mr Milosevic, voted for the independence of a multi-ethnic Bosnia; the wellarmed Bosnian Serbs wanted to break away, to be with Serbia.

A few years ago, the incon-gruity of the present deal might not have mattered. "Bosnian" was a real concept for most Yugoslavs - as easy to grasp as "American", when talking about ethnic Italians, Irish or Poles. Bosnian Serbs were as conscious of their "Bosnian" identity as they were of their Serb identity. That is long gone. For the New York deal to work out. tolerance on all sides is needed. But the politicians - Milosevic, Karadzic, Tudjman – have destroyed the possibility of tol-



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# Metro ticket to a glorious past

After a gap of almost 100 years, the champagne corks have been popping again in the Budapest

underground railway. Last time around - in May 1896 - the cause for celebration was the opening of the first underground line in continental Europe, presided over by Emperor Franz Josef I of the

Austro-Hungarian Empire. This time, late last month, the festivities were occasioned by the reopening of the line after a six-month closure for muchneeded renovations and a facelift aimed at recreating some of the original fin-desiècle grandeur.

Instead of an emperor, the city mayor, Gábor Demszky, led the procession of Budapest's great and good who boarded the first trains out of the revamped Vorosmarty Square station and marvelled at the handiwork: freshly tiled walls, hand-painted station signs and oak-panelled ticket booths. At the end of the line horse-drawn carriages were waiting to take the revellers on to another of the city's most famous turn-of-the-century establishments, the similarly restored Gundel's restaurant

The primary purpose of the underground renovation work was to repair more than 40 years of Communist neglect. In the first flush of post-Communist freedom the line had increasingly been targeted by vandals.

deliberately set out to recreate some of the flair and feel of 99 At the time of its original con-struction, the Budapest underground was the first on the continent (the first in Europe was in London), and its opening was one of the many events

joint stake in a vast empire and

itself ruled over millions of

Croats, Serbs, Romanians and

Slovaks. Economically and cul-

arranged in conjunction with the 1896 millennium celebrations, marking the 1,000th anniversary of the Hungarian settlement in central Europe. It was a seemingly glorious moment in the country's history. Under the historic compromise reached with Austria just 29 years earlier, Hungary had a turally the country was flourishing, and nowhere more than Budapest, which was reaching

the high point of an artistic and architectural boom. In addition to the underground, the later years of the 19th century saw the building of The city authorities also boulevards of grand apartment blocks, an opera house, an extension of the city's castle and the neo-Gothic parliament; all of which continue to lend the

city its elegance and charm. By 1896, Budapest had risen from a nondescript town 140 miles east of Vienna to a European metropolis. There were still almost 20 years to go until the cataciysm of the First World War, which spelt the end of the Austro-Hungarian empire and saw Hungary itself being forced to cede some two-thirds of its

territories. Not surprisingly, there are many Hungarians who see the turn of the century as a golden era. Shortly after I arrived here my landlord thrust into my hands a map of Hungary in its

pre-1914 borders - just in case I was unaware of the tragedy that had befallen his nation. The equivalent in Britain - handing out maps to foreigners depicting the empire at its peak would be virtually unthinkable.

For the ordinary Hungarian riding the millennium metro, thoughts of empire are very dis-tant. Most people are preoccupied with scraping together an existence, and are just hoping that public expenditure cuts will not hit them. If there is a goal in these post-Communist days it is Brussels: twin seat of Nato and the European Union, the two institutions now seen as the panacea to many of the country's pressing problems.

The freshly-painted tiles and the pretty wooden panelling on the underground have certainly enhanced commuter travelling, and have been welcomed by the tens of thousands who see them each day. For most people here, however, the real hope is that, rather than serving as a reminder of an almost mythically glorious past, they might just be a signal of better times ahead.

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Gen Abacha's announcement. The Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, is expecting to discuss Nigeria at a meeting of European Union foreign mmisters in Luxembourg today which could produce a common stance on Nigeria, although Britain will probably do its best to resist an early imposition of sanctions because of substantial

Tony Lloyd, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, urged the government to take immediate action to increase pressure on the junta, calling Gen Abacha's statement "a package of false compromises and fake promises". Incremental oil sanctions should be imposed on Nigeria: these would cut its revenues and intensify dissatisfaction with the regime. Such drastic sanctions would also the international community make it impossible for Gen Abacha to undertake the regeneration of the economy, which he has said is needed before democracy can be restored.

# Nigerian 'plotters' escape the firing squad

**DAVID ORR** 

Sani Abacha, Nigeria's military ruler, yesterday said he would not allow the return of democracy in Africa's most populous nation for another three years.

The general, who seized pow-er in the wake of an annulled presidential election two years ago, also said Chief Moshood Abiola, the presumed winner, was not to be freed from prison, where he has been held for more than a year. However, the sentences on 40 alleged coup plotters are to be commuted in deference to appeals from the international community.

In a television broadcast to mark the 35th anniversary of Nigeria's independence, General Abacha laid out his plans for the transition to democracy. His Provisional Ruling Council (PRC) would step down in 1998, he said, after the holding of legislative and presidential elections. The remaining restrictions on party political activity are to be lifted this year.

The country is to be divided into six zones in the run-up to 1998. Six key offices, including President and Prime Minister, will thereafter be rotated among the zones over "an experimental period" of 30 years. The treason charge facing



Abacha: Delaying return of democracy by three years

Chief Abiola, who declared himself president in defiance of the military, has not been lifted. Referring to the June 1993 election, which Chief Abiola is regarded as having won, Gen Abacha said: "We cannot make progress by flogging dead issues or by pretending that matters which have long since been overtaken by events should be exhumed and given fresh

Acknowledging "the con-cerns of world leaders ... who appealed to us to show elemen-, he said those convicted of taking part in a coup plot ear-lier this year would have their a succession of army men have reneged on promises to return sentences commuted. Fourteen alleged plotters are believed to Gen Obasanjo stood down have received the death penal-

ty. The rest, including a former head of state, Olusegun Oba-sanjo, are understood to have

been given life sentences.

"Abacha has defused the immediate crisis," a Western diplomat said yesterday. "The greatest pressure on him was to release the so-called coup plotters. People won't be very happy about Abiola, and they won't be pleased about the three-year transition period, but they won't be too surprised either."

In commuting the sentences Gen Abacha has indicated his desire to mend relations with the international community which have, of late, been particularly strained. Britain, the US and South Africa are among countries to have appealed for clemency for the political detainees and a speedy resumption

of constitutional government. In addition to calls for sanctions, there has been pressure for the exclusion of Nigeria from the Commonwealth when heads of government meet in New Zealand next month.

"Abacha probably feels he's done what he had to do for Nigerians and has gone far enough in accommodating international opinion", said another diplomatic source. "The news about the coup plotters is encouraging, as is the fact that a specific date for the handover has been given. But the length of the transition period is longer than anyone would have liked".

The introduction of a rotational system of government will go some way towards placating ethnic groups which see themselves as having been disenfranchised by a succession of governments from the north. The Hausa-Fulani of the Muslim north have dominated politics at the expense of the Yoruba in the south-west and the Ibo in the south-east, both largely Christian regions.

The continued detention of Muslim, will be particularly un-popular in the south, where he remains a rallying-point for opponents of the regime.

·However, no unrest is expected from an opposition which has become deflated and dispirited in the face of constant

repression.
"When Abacha took power nearly two years ago he said he would only be there for a brief period," said Gani Fawehinmi, a lawyer who is the most outspoken opposition figure in Nigeria. 'Again he's shown he's not a man to be trusted. His transition programme is a ruse to buy time. He has no intention of handing over power in three years."

Nigeria has been under rule by the military for more than 25 of the past 35 years. In that time the country to democracy. Only

# **Britain wary** about promise of democracy

MICHAEL SHERIDAN Diplomatic Editor

Britain welcomed yesterday's announcement by Sani Abacha of clemency for the alleged coup plotters but there were doubts in the Foreign Office over the scale and speed of the Nigerian leader's promised transition to democracy.

The cautious British reaction indicated that those Commonwealth member-nations which favour a harder line towards the military junta are unlikely to find General Abacha's promises acceptable. There must still he a question-mark over his participation in the Commonwealth summit next month and some members at the meeting will press for sanctions against

Nigeria.
"We welcome the exercise of clemency," a Foreign Office spokeswoman said yesterday. but we remain concerned that long prison sentences have been imposed after secret trials." British officials were examining the timetable which Gen Abacha had laid out for a return to civilian rule in three years' time, but it was unclear if it would be enough to persuade not to take further action.

"We regret the lack of commitment to an early handover to civilian democratic rule,"

the Foreign Office said, adding that an end to military government was necessary both for Nigeria to make progress and for good relations with Britain. It appeared that British officials, who have conducted a prolonged dialogue with the Nigerian regime, were disappointed by the few concessions made in

British economic interests, especially in the oil sector.



Ready for change: A civilian crowd in Comoros shouting support for the coup

Photograph: Corinne Dufka/Reuter

# Captain takes over Comoros

TOM COHEN Associated Press

Moroni - A military officer in jail until three days ago an-nounced himself leader of the island territory of the Comoros

yesterday. Captain Combo Ayouba, imprisoned after a failed 1992 coup attempt, said in an interview on the terrace of the presidential palace that he had plotted last Thursday's seizure

of power, led by a French mer-cenary, Bob Denard, from jail. Moroni, the capital, was calm yesterday. Children swam in the ocean despite a rainstorm, and a few rebel soldiers guarded key installations, such as the radio station, site of the only serious clash of the coup.

Mr Denard and more than a dozen other foreign mercenaries involved in the coup had finished their job and would play no role in the new government, Captain Ayouba said.

He suggested most of the mercenaries would be asked to leave, but said Mr Denard, 66, was a Comorian citizen entitled to live in the country. Captain Ayouba is a long-time associate of Mr Denard, who has led previous coups in the Comoros and elsewhere in Africa. The captain

heads a "Military Transition Committee" that accuses the ousted president, Said Mohamed Djohar, of corruption and acting against the consti-tution. He said Mr Djohar was unhurt but in custody, and

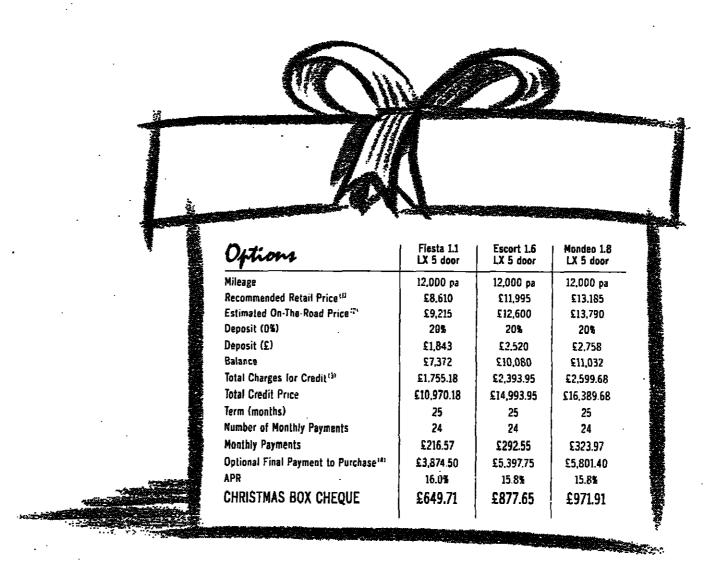
would probably stand trial. "We are going to change this country," said the bearded Captain Ayouba, 42. "We got support from the army for a quick change."

His ruling committee has promised to consult all political parties in setting up an interim leadership that would hold national elections. No date has been proposed for the talks.

On Saturday the overthrown government and an opposition party pleaded for international help in driving out the mercenaries.

France, the former colonial power, has so far refused to intervene militarily, although it has put its 4,000 troops in the region on full alert, and French navy ships carrying landing craft are on the high seas. The overthrown prime minister, Caambi el Yashourtu, called from his refuge in the French embassy for France to take action. France has cut aid to the Comoros, and has called for a return to constitutional order.

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# Exiles appeal to Mubarak

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forcibly encamped on the bor-der with Egypt appealed to

terday to help them to go home. Khaled Abou el-Nil and Sami el-Maghrabi, acting on behalf of about 200 of their stranded compatriots, handed the written Libyan security officials, was set appeal to Egyptian state security officers through the barbed wire fence which marks the desert border. They said the people in the camp were also planning a demonstration to nighlight their request to go to the self-rule areas of Gaza and the West Bank.

"We are appealing to the world to find a just solution to our problem," said Mr Abou el-Nil, a merchant who arrived at the makeshift camp.

"Where can we go? Maybe the best solution is for the world to dig us a hole and bury

The Libyan leader, Muammar Gaddafi, who calls the similar policy.

capitulation to the Jewish state, has ordered the expulsion of Salloum, Egypt — Palestinians some 6,000 Palestinians over the ordered out of Libya and past three months in protest. some 6,000 Palestinians over the

Since Thursday, when Israel and the Palestinians signed a President Hosni Mubarak yes- deal expanding Palestinian selfrule to much of the West Bank, expulsions have accelerated. The rubbish-strewn camp, hemmed in by barbed wire and

up on Libyan soil to shelter the

deportees. Three of the 100 tents have been made into a hos-pital, a school and a mosque. Mr Maghrabi said the Libyans were setting up more military tents for the hundreds expected to arrive at the scorpion-infested site in the coming days. Groups stuck at the border last month said they were reduced to begging for food from travellers. Water is also

Egypt is reluctant to accept expelled Palestinians unless they have travel papers for Jordan, Gaza or the West Bank. Other Arab countries adopt a



Troubled water: Police scuffle with Jewish protesters against the West Bank deal at Photograph: Jim Hollander/Reuter Allenby Bridge over the Jordan

# Dig could unleash unholy Hebron row

PATRICK COCKBURN

An Israeli archaeologist, Tovia Segev, wants to dig up the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron to prove that Abraham is not buried there, thus defusing the conflict between Muslims and Jews over a place holy to both. Mr Segev believes the prophet probably lies in another part of Hebron, which he also

wants to excavate. No shrine on the West Bank has produced greater passions than the Tomb of the Patriarchs. The 400 militant Jews who have settled in the heart of Hebron, surrounded by 120,000 Palestinians, have done so largely to be close to where they believe Abraham, Isaac and Jacob lie buried with their wives. Last year Baruch Goldstein, an Israeli settler, killed 29 Muslims as they prayed in the Ibrahimi mosque, which stands over the reputed tombs.

The medieval mosque rests

Jewish settlement. survive from the masonry platform built by Herod the Great. Mr Segev says that in fact Herod built on an old Edomite

Abraham and his family are buried anywhere, it is at Tel Rumeida, in another part of He-Abraham is said in the Book of Genesis to have bought the Cave of Makhpela to bury his wife Sarah and to serve as a sepulchre for her family. There is a blocked medieval doorway to the cave in the mosque, but archaeologists who have en-tered it say it is a series of rooms

or Nabatean prayer site, and if

rather than a natural formation. Israel Finkelstein, professor of archaeology at Tel Aviv University, says that the problem is that "nobody quite knows when the patriarchs lived or what archaeological evidence to look for". He says it is not known why Herod built there, though he is dismissive of Mr Segev's idea that evidence of the presence of the patriarchs might be found

at Tel Rumeida. Mr Segev says that he has interested Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, in an excavation at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, but it is unlikely that any Israeli government will want to offend Jews and Muslims simultaneously. Even if the remains of Abraham's tomb were found at Mr Segev's site, peace would not immediately break out, because Tel

on vast blocks of stone which Rumeida is occupied by another

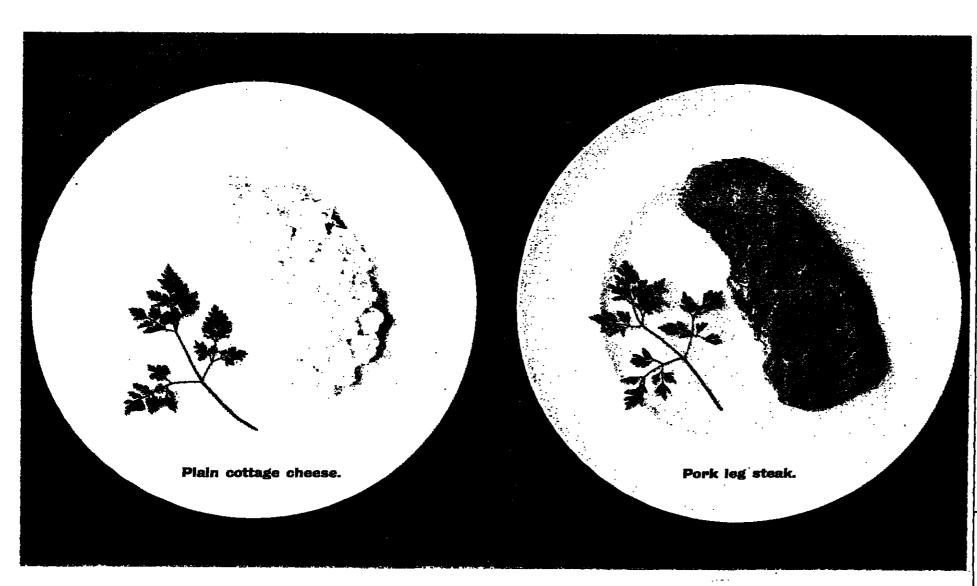
The 400-page agreement on partial Israeli disengagement from the West Bank signed by Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, is meant to reduce all sources of friction, including the two communities' access to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. But the mood of ordinary Israelis has been mute and a little cynical, unlike the optimism after the first Washington agreement in 1993. The experience of the past two years shows that the friction in places like Hebron is not ending, and will still produce violence.

Israelis are evenly divided by the peace agreement, polls showing 51 per cent in favour and 47 per cent against. Most say they distrust Mr Arafat, but a majority want to go on talking lease of 1,300 Palestinian prisoners over the next few days, but they do not identify with the set-tlers either. "The fact is that the general public has long since in practice separated itself from the West Bank - it doesn't go there for touring or shopping," says Yoel Marcus, a commentator on

Ha'aretz newspaper.
Israeli television, both state and private, probably reflected the public mood by not inter-Mr Rabin's press conference immediately after agreement

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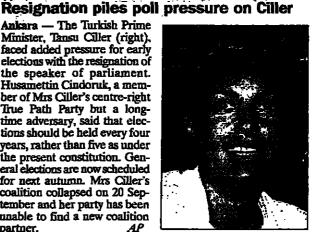
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### French clamp down on nuclear protesters

Papeete - France is clamping down on anti-nuclear and independence activists before its second nuclear test in the South Pa-cific, detaining Tabitians daily and using television footage of riots to make arrests. Stanley Cross, lawyer for Tavini Huiraatira Party (Liberation Front of French Polynesia), the territory's largest independence party, said about 50 people had been arrested in connection with rioting after France resumed testing at Mururoa atoll on 5 September.

France seized Greenpeace's 120ft Manutea, the group's last remaining protest vessel, in international waters yesterday. The head of Greenpeace Japan, Sanae Shida, was deported from French Polynesia on Saturday after she and three others raided the secondary nuclear test site on Fangatuafa atoli on Thursday. A New Zealander, Hank Haazen, was also deported.

Ankara — The Turkish Prime Minister, Tansu Ciller (right), faced added pressure for early elections with the resignation of the speaker of parliament. ber of Mrs Ciller's centre-right True Path Party but a longtime adversary, said that elections should be held every four years, rather than five as under the present constitution. General elections are now scheduled for next autumn. Mrs Ciller's coalition collapsed on 20 September and her party has been unable to find a new coalition



### Bomb accomplices face investigation

Paris - A French magistrate opened an inquiry yesterday into two alleged accomplices of Khaled Kelkal, 24, an Algerian-born man shot dead by police who was suspected of involvement in a wave of bomb attacks in France, judicial sources said. Abdelkader Maameri, 25, and Abelkader Bouhadjar, 28, also of Algerian origin, were formally placed under investigation for criminal conspiracy with a terrorist activity and jailed.

Victims of revolution beatified

Vatican City —Pope John Paul beatified 64 martyrs from the French Revolution, as well as 45 priests, nuns and faithful killed in the Spanish civil war. Almost 7,000 Catholic priests, monks and nuns vere killed during the 1936-39 war by forces opposed to Gener-Fundamentalists kill 18 on Algerian bus

Aleiers — Islamic militants killed 18 people and injured 15, most-

ly children, in an attack on a bus near Laghouat, 200 miles south of Algiers, Algerian security forces said. Police said that they killed four members of the group as they made their retreat.

Thai crocodiles get carried away Bangkok - About 300 crocodiles have fled their farms and remain at large in Thailand, where a bounty of 3,000 baht (£75) has been offered for each one captured, a Thai-language daily said yesterday. The crocodiles were carried away by flood waters from private farms north of Bangkok.

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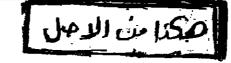
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# NY court convicts terror plot Muslims

DAVID USBORNE New York

The most sweeping terrorism trial in American history concluded in New York yesterday with guilty verdicts against 10 Muslim militants who had been accused variously of plotting to blow up buildings, bridges and tunnels, undermine the gov-ernment and assassinate the Egyptian president, Hosni Mubarak.

After 37 hours of deliberation at the end of a trial that had already lasted nine months, the jury in the New York court delivered the verdicts late yesterday morning, vindicating prosecutors who had said that the 10 had come close to unleashing a "war of urban terrorism" on Manhattan, designed to persuade the US government to change its policy in the Middle

The leader of the group was Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, a blind, 57-year-old Islamic cleric who first came to the US and the New York area in 1990. He was found guilty on five different counts of attempted terrorism, including solicitation to murder President Mubarak.

Also among the defendants was El Sayyid Nosair, a soldier of the Islamic Jihad movement who was separately found guilty of involvement in the 1990 assassination in New York of the extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane. Nosair had been acquitted of the murder in 1991, but jailed for related weapons charges.

At the heart of the trial, however, were the allegations that all eight other defendants had, with the encouragement of of New York buildings and won't be the last," she said.

landmarks. According to prosecutors, five bombs were to be detonated in just 10 minutes, destroying two tunnels leading into Manhattan, the George Washington Bridge and the United Nations headquarters.

FBI videos submitted as evidence showed the men mixing bomb-making materials in a New York garage. The defence said the eight believed that the bombs would be used to aid the Muslim side in Bosnia.

The government believes that Sheikh Rahman and Nosair were sent to the United States as part of a wider campaign, led by Islamic Jihad, to destabilise the US government and weaken its friendly ties with Israel and Egypt. The bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993 was believed to have been part of the

campaign.
The World Trade Center attack, which left six dead, was repeatedly evoked by the prosecution during the trial, although no specific evidence linking the ten to it was offered. Four men were jailed for the bombing of the twin towers in a separate trial last year.

The government will celebrate yesterday's convictions. which it hopes will mark the crumbling of the threat by Islamic fundamentalists in New York. The authorities will feel more comfortable having the ten behind bars during the UN 50th anniversary celebrations later this month, when the heads of government of nearly 150 nations will cram into the UN complex.

The defence lawyer for Sheikh Rahman, Lyne Stewart, cried in court yesterday. "He is Sheikh Rahman, engaged in an not the first person to go to claborate plot to bomb a series prison for his beliefs, and he



Wallace: 'I was wrong about civil rights ... Now segregation's gone - good riddance'

# Old segregationist sees the light from the right

His brown hair is grey now, but is still slicked back in moviegangster style. The eyebrows remain bushy, looming over the piercing dark eyes that tried, in 1963, to stare down the US government. And his pinched lips can still break into a snarl, as they did when he proclaimed: "Segregation today! Segrega-tion tomorrow! Segregation

for ever!" But George Wallace, 75, the Alabama governor who stood "in the schoolhouse door" over 30 years ago to try to prevent two black students from entering the state university, appears much different today. He has been in a wheelchair since 1972, paralysed in an assassination attempt during the second of his three presidential campaigns. He has Parkinson's disease, his eyesight is poor, and he can barely hear or speak.

But inside the broken body is a new man, freed by fate from his hard-right chrysalis, a man at peace with himself and the world. Mr Wallace, a bornagain Christian since he was shot, recently talked of race and redemption with John F Kennedy Jr. son of John and nephew of Robert Kennedy, the President and Attorney-General who



George Wallace

clashed with the Alabama Democrat and won.

"I was right about some of the issues I talked about," he said in the inaugural issue of George, Mr Kennedy's new magazine. "But I was wrong about civil rights. The things I was saying back in 1968" – when, as an independent presidential candidate he won 13 per cent of the vote - "were the things that people wanted to hear. And the people still want to hear those things today."

Was he ahead of his time? Mr Wallace's calls for law and order and advocacy of states' rights strike a chord today. Many consider him the spiritual father of the Republicans' "Contract With America". He expects Bob Dole to win the Republican nomination and to carry the South. He is no fan of Bill Clinton: "I'd tell him ... not to put gays in the military and

to stop being for abortion". Colin Powell is "a very fine man" and Jesse Jackson is "a good friend". But no, he does not expect to see a black president in the time left to him.

"People have always equated segregation with harred," Mr Wallace said. "But that's not true. We were all taught that segregation was in the best interest of the people ... I'm not a different man. I didn't hate blacks 30 years ago, and I don't

hate blacks today. Nor, he said, did his politics change after he was born again.
"I was taught that segregation was best for both races. But then, a few years ago, I decided is wasn't ... My conscience said it was wrong. Wrong, wrong, wrong. And now segregation's gone. Good riddance."

If he had his life to live over, Mr Wallace said, "I wouldn't have sinned as much as I did." Was he prepared to die? "I'm not afraid of death like I used to be, because ... I'll be forgiven my sins."

"What are your sins?" Mr Kennedy asked. "I tell my sins to God, not to people like you."

MARYANN BIRD

# Decision time for OJ jury

EDWARD HELMORE

After nine months of evidence and the final, wrenching appeal by the prosecution to convict, the jurors in the murder trial of racial divisions in Los Angeles, O J Simpson will today start the and by association America. unenviable task of reaching a

Whatever their decision - to convict, acquit or agree to disagree and return as a hung jury they have a huge burden to carry and a vast amount of evidence to sift through.

Maintaining the routine they have followed since their sequestration began in January, the jury will be driven to the courthouse from their hotel every morning and return at night. Until they reach their verdict, they will deliberate six days a week in a small room. The nine women and three

men, nine of whom are black, two white and one Hispanic, hold the responsibility for Mr Simpson's fate, and the social unrest that could result from a guilty verdict.

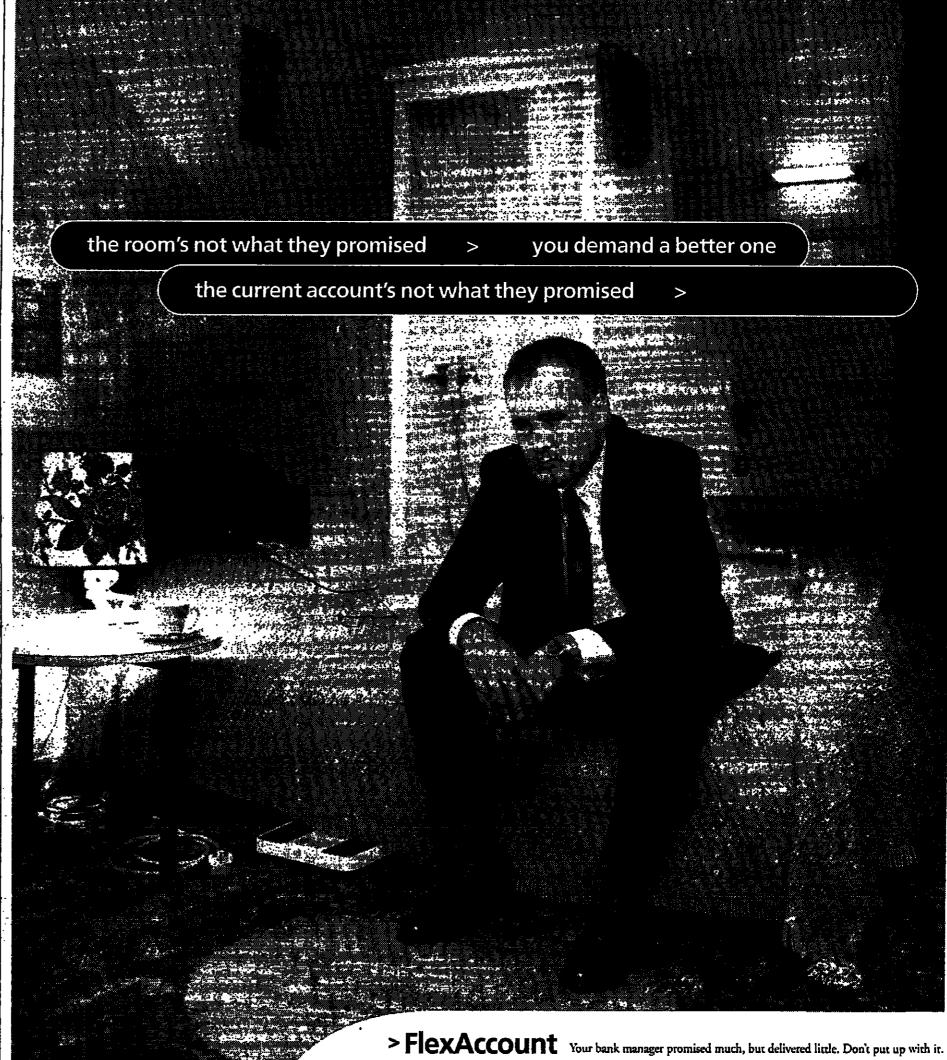
Last week, as the two sides presented their closing arguments, analysts' predictions shifted between verdicts. Will ju-

fence's plea to acquit? The kernel of the defence argument is that the police framed him and that the jury should now send a message about the

That is fraught with difficulties Last month Judge Lance Ito stopped Detective Mark Puhr-man's boasts of fabricating evidence from reaching the jury. In making that ruling the judge found there was no evidence to support the defence contention that Mr Simpson was framed.

Besides the uncertain motive of racism, why would the police want to frame him? Mr Simpson had entertained police of ficers at his house and even hired off-duty policemen to protect him. The idea that a force which made such a sloppy job of collecting evidence could stage an elaborate operation to frame him is far-fetched.

For Mr Simpson this waiting will mean more time in his 9ft by 7ft foot cell. The cell is equipped with some of the benefits of celebrity - an incomingonly telephone, an exercise bicycle and his own television set. Racial politics, page 17



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### Helms does deal to lift freeze on embassy posts RUPERT CORNWELL

Washington

Jesse Helms, the cantankerous North Carolina Republican who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has struck a deal with the White House to end the virtual freeze he imposed on State Department business on Capitol Hill, which left 15 per cent of US embassies without ambassadors.

Under the compromise, Senate Democrats and Republicans have agreed to produce legislation to reorganise the US foreign-policy bureaucracy. This would replace Mr Helms's measure, merging the agencies responsible for foreign aid, information and disarmament. and placing them under the coutrol of the State Department. This, says Mr Helms, would save

S3bn (£1.9bn) a year. The administration ignored the proposal. Mr Helms retalinted by effectively shutting down his committee. More than 30 ambassadorial nominees were left dangling in mid-air, including the former Tennessee Senator Jim Sasser, appointed

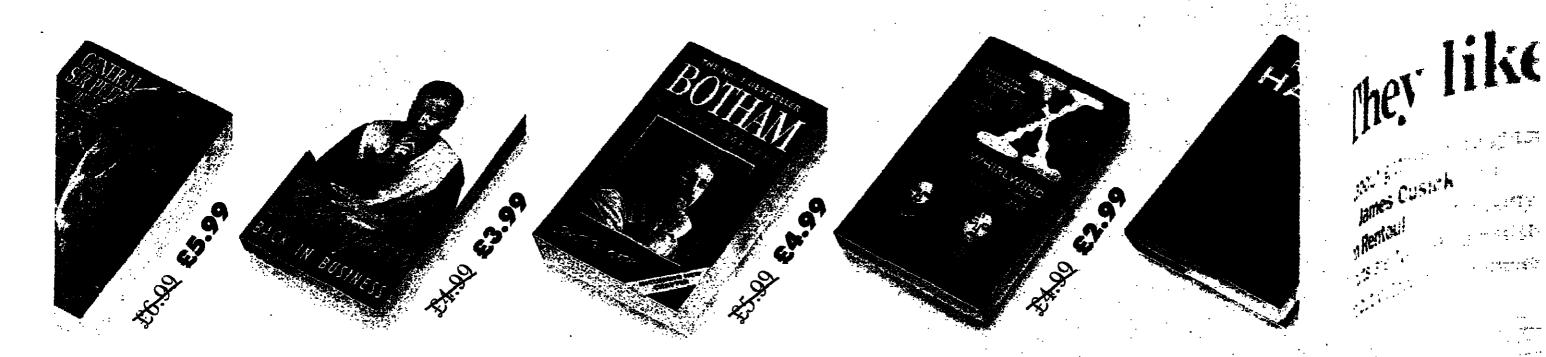


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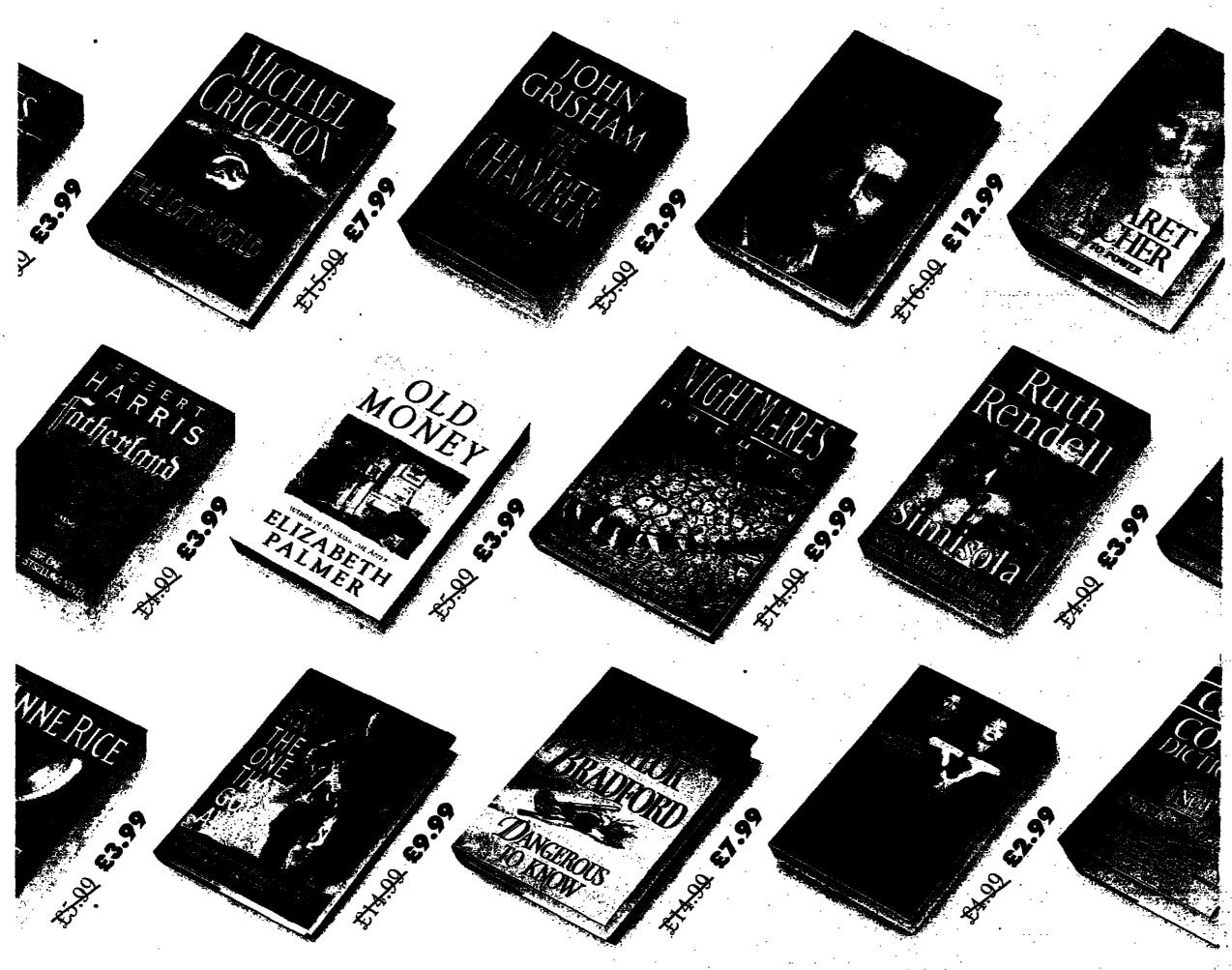
to Peking. About 400 internal promotions have been held up. Major arms treaties, including Salt II, have gone unratified.

The breakthrough is not the end of the problem for Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, as he tries to stave off a near 25-per-cent cut in the State Department budget next

The cuts, saving only \$800m, would none the less cost scores of jobs at home, as well as 50 diplomatic posts abroad.



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# They like Blair's style – but not his vision

As Labour gathers in Brighton, James Cusick and John Rentoul find the party's recruits are New Pragmatists who put victory before ideals

For the first time, Labour is own survey of about 1 per cent of those who joined in the pre-Conservatives, according to some academic estimates. The influx of new recruits has been claimed by Tony Blair as a massive endorsement of his "New Labour". As membership has leaped by 100,000 to 350,000 in the 15 months since Blair became leader, he can fairly boast to have confounded the fashionable cynics who told him the days of mass political parties were over: something dramatic is clearly happening.

Until now no one has known what sort of people they are, why they joined the party and whether they are different from the existing membership. Is their vision Blair's vision? Will they go along with him in government or will they be impatient for radical change? In his speech to last year's conference, Blair himself joked: "I hear some of you support me just because you think I can win."

Evidence gathered by the Independent suggests he was right. The new recruits are the New Pragmatists" - their views are more old Labour than new, but they support Blair because they think he will beat the hated Tories. And, because their expectations of him are limited to victory and they understand he is different from them, he may even have an easier ride in government than any of his predecessors.

The only substantial academic survey of Labour members is now seriously out of date. Patrick Seyd and Paul Whiteley of Sheffield University interviewed 5,000 Labour members in 1989-90. They had more left-wing attitudes than the leadership on nationalisation, defence and education. matism even then: 57 per cent agreed that Labour "should adjust its policies to eapture the middle ground of politics". Mr Seyd says the new members interviewed in a follow-up study in mid-1992 were "more supportive of electoral reform, but were not much out of line with existing members in their general attitudes". Now he admits it is "tantalisingly frustrating" not to know who the Blair intake are and what they think. "Mr Blair obviously thinks they are malleable credit-card payers, whereas the left think they are crypto-SDP-ers. We simply

don't know," he says. In March this year, the

Diary

RUTH DUDLEY EDWARDS

vious year. It was a self-selected sample who filled in a questionnaire in Labour Party News, and told little about their views - merely that 60 per cent were men, 47 per cent were in "professional" jobs and only 29 per cent were under 35. In other words, much like existing members, only more middle-class and a bit younger

In order to find out more, the Independent's own minisurvey spoke to a random sample of 50 people who have joined in the past year - it provides the first important clues to the identity of the New Pragmatists. Because Labour holds its conference today in a model constituency of the "new" party, we chose the Brighton Pavilion Labour Party for our survey. Membership here has risen from 900 to 1,400 since Blair was elected leader. Like the party's survey, our sample were not particularly young. Only five were students, despite a large student population in Brighton, and many were retired - joining because they now had "time on their hands"

The first truth to establish about the new members is that they are not an uncritical Tony Blair fan club. Revulsion from the Conservatives is a more powerful force than the attraction to Blair - although he is important because he both articulates that revulsion and inspires confidence that the Tories can be beaten. They are not uniformly convinced that every change and every silence is needed, yet they sense they are on a winning side.

Carlie McBride, 18, is a

young New Pragmatist. Joining while still studying for her Aof Blair's speeches, although Blair did not deliver it. "It was at the Theatre Royal in Brighton with Sir Ian McKellen quoting from a speech Blair had given on the age of consent. It just struck sechood."

On Sign finiself she is not completely convinced. "I've mixed views. I don't like every-thing he's saying, like he's not going to renationalise -I don't see why we should go along with that," She does not brust Blair 100 per cent, but she trusts him to "pull votes from disenchanted Tories".

McBride won an assisted place to Brighton and Hove High School, a private girls'

So he did, and it was very jolly, and I danced a lot, and we went round St



socialist background", the intertaught her "the Tories are still the party of the money-people. You vote Tory if their policies haven't touched you. If you haven't used the public health, education, transport services you don't miss them." Blair is not her favourite: "I like John Prescott, but he wouldn't win." In the small Baker Street offices of Brighton Pavilion

Britain's 22nd most marginal. The 8 per cent winning margin between Tory and Labour in the 1992 general election has been reduced even further with a boundary change that brings in a rock-solid Labour ward. Day's confidence is increasing: "It encourages you to know that 10 people are joining the party

They are joining, however, in the belief that the Labour Party

to him" to "disgusting"; 24 of our group responded unfavourably, 19 were neutral and only five positively supported Blair's decision.

When it comes to political strategy, the new members are

strikingly flexible and deferential. Some were quite happy to change the name of the party to New Labour if Blair thought it would help win the election. Only eight actually preferred to

call themselves New Labour -33 opted for "Labour", three for "Old Labour" and three for

As for Liz Davies, the rejected candidate for Leeds North-East, if Blair wanted her out, that was good enough for them. Although only 16 felt they knew enough about her to have an opinion, they divided

Dr James Whitehead, 33. a

pared to change the name to New Labour if that would help further their political ascendancy," said Manreen Green, a

research fellow in social anthro-

pology at London University, is seen as a potential winner. another New Pragmatist: "Blair displays an ambiguity between needing to win power and his responsibility to the left to win votes. But he's pragmatic, a good figure at the right time." Whitehead, a member for 18 months, believes "not all promises will be delivered". But he thinks "Blair will do his best".

Guy Radcliffe, 41, a house renovator, joined because he year it was 5 per cent. felt "I could no longer comment without taking part". Radcliffe, who joined in May after three years abroad, came sive man leading the Labour Party who worries me a little".

Feeling that Labour lacks well defined policies, wanting radical constitutional change and strong links with the trade unions, are not enough to put Radcliffe off Blair: "This man can win over disenchanted Tories. Sure, he will scare those who think he is too far to the right, but where these people will go I have no idea.'

What Blair has done for recruitment is to change his party's losing image. On the doorsteps in Brighton, from students' residences, council estates, private-sector rented flats to up-market Regency and Georgian homes, Labour is Photograph: John Voos

Setting the stage for new Labour in Brighton; local

people joining the party still aspire to traditional

### What Brighton's new members think about,

'I would stand with pants on my head in the middle of the town square if he thought it would make a difference." Paul Duffy

Tony Blair's decision to send his son to an opted-out school: "As a teacher I though it was the decision of a wimp." Caroline Driver

### On the rejection of Liz

"If you want to be part of a party, co-operation is essential. The party needs to have a certain identity which will make it electable - it would do the party no favours to have another Michael Foot" Jean Tavlor "She is being totally marginalised - it is disgusting. They should have room for all types of opinion, it should be a broad church. The party has become like the left faction of the Tory party." Mary Tomlinson

On the union block vote: There should be further reductions - not a complete abandonment of union ideals. But certainly not the old constant stream of Seventies leaders screaming and shouting."

On the new Clause IV: "I was against it, but, with hindsight, it is a good thing." Anna Pearson

On "New Labour": "Labour is a political party, not a washing-up gimmick. You don't buy it for the quality of its fabric conditioner." Ted Powers

"Britain's culture has changed - it is far more individualistic, the community is far less important. People are yearning for something more - even people who are earning a lot are still hungry for something more - that void could be filled by Labour." Graham Ánderson

### For Labour joiners, high tax and high spending is still at the Core of what the Labour Party is

Labour Party, a large "Opera-tion Victory" poster greets all who enter. But pride of place, among more modern messages such as "Socialistes Européens pour les femmes de l'Europe", is Labour's "Now we can win the Peace" poster from 1945. The wartime flavour recalls Winston Churchill's observation that politics is as exciting as war and quite as dangerous, and according to full-time org-aniser Keith Day the new recruits are anxious for the real battle to commence.

Labour Party carried out its school. From a "council estate,

"Operation Victory" for them is clear: the seat, held by Conservative Sir Derek Spencer, the Solicitor General, is stands for things which Blair has tried to make clear that it no longer does: 45 of the 50 said they wanted "higher public spending, paid for by higher taxes on the better-off". Blair and Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown have reiterated their objective of getting the tax burden down. But for Labour joiners - as for most of the electorate - high tax and high spending are still at the core of

what the Labour Party is. Education also touches core values. Asked about Blair's decision to send his son to a grant-maintained school, "disappointed" was the middle response in a range from "it's up

"Socialist". "I would be presympathiser for 40 years.

12-4 in favour of the National Executive's decision.

Additional reporting by Natasha

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Much of the growth in mem-

bership is the product of high

polling ratings and high morale.

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to join a winning organisation.

This is reflected in the return of

lapsed members, and in the

markedly higher retention rates

among existing members. Keith Day says in the past about 25

per cent of the membership

would lapse every year. Last

The Blair Effect is indirect,

in that he does not necessarily

inspire people to join the Lab-

our Party but, because they

election, the party has become

worth joining - and not just in

the short term. The new mem-

bers are not merely fair-

It is even possible that the

new recruits are more likely to

stand by Blair through the in-

evitable disappointments of

office. Ruby Besch, who finally

joined the party, aged 74, says

Blair "seemed the person to get

rid of this dreadful govern-

ment - but, while I'm optim-

istic, there will be problems.

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able. It is going to be difficult

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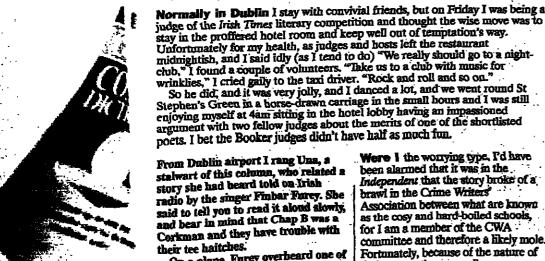


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poets. I bet the Booker judges didn't have half as much fun. From Dublin airport I rang Una, a stalwart of this column, who related a story she had beard told on Irish radio by the singer Finbar Farey. She said to tell you to read it aloud alowly. and bear in mind that Chap B was a Corkman and they have trouble with their tee haitches.

On a plane, Furey overheard one of his entourage, A, who was engaged in wrking a postcard, asking: "How do you spell wattle"?" "What do you want to write 'wattle'

Because I have to tell the wife to have six T-shirts ready wattle fit me." "You don't have to write 'wattle'," observed B reprovingly. "What you should say is 'dattle'."



Were I the worrying type. I'd have been alarmed that it was in the Independent that the story broke of a brawl in the Crime Writers Association between what are known as the cosy and hard-boiled schools, for I am a member of the CWA committee and therefore a likely mole. Fortunately, because of the nature of their occupation, my colleagues instantly realised that since I was the obvious suspect, I must be innocent.

Some of you will remember that the row began because in the dead of night Chaz Brenchley overheard the Baroness (PD) James telling the World Service that "in the pits of the worst possible inner-city area ... you don't get moral choice". Chaz wrote to our organ, Red Herrings, to projest and sparked off a controversy that in a couple of weeks had secured more publicity for crime writing than it normally attracts in a year. One highlight was the declaration by Mark Timlin, a prominent member of what Tim Heald has christened the 'arriviste yobbo" tendency and a hardboiled writer whose hero apparently

contribution to the Great spends in ch of his time throwing up Conversations of our Time in public conveniences, that rather than the convenience of who would rather do almost anything in the whole world than stick needles

in my eyes, unlike Tony Blair I believe in a broad church, so I am rushing to the defence of Chaz on the charge of being the sort of chap who rushes around roughing up respectable matrons. Admittedly the thrillers are so violent I won't even read the blurbs, and Chaz looks and dresses like something you wouldn't want to

We became pally a few years ago at a crime convention in Toronto when my friend Priscilla and I discovered him one morning quivering with fear because he was to appear on a panel with what he expected to be a coven of rabid eminists. We got maternal, brought him champagne and gave him helpful advice like: "Get a grip, lad, and don't be such a wimp." It is time the ladies stopped handbagging him: "Sorry", his teddy and constant companion since he was three, is

meet in a shopping precinct in broad daylight, let alone in a dark alley, but

he is really a baa-lamb.

getting very upset.



Big trouble with trains

department comes from my friend Bert, who made the mistake of ringing railway inquiries in Newcastle to ask for train times from Darlington to Brighton. Having been asked what time train he wanted to travel on, he explained that he wouldn't know that nutil he knew what time the trains left Darlington. His interlocator

responded that she couldn't tell him any train times until she knew on

which train he wanted to travel. "I explained to her that my reason for ringing train timetable inquiries was to find out what time the trains ran. This did not help. She insisted that she could not tell me the time of the train until I told her the time of the train that I wanted to travel on. So I made a gness and said 'mid-

"What time is mid-morning?" she asked.

"Ten o'clock,' I said. "The 10 o'clock leaves Darlington at 9.58,' she replied.

Several of you are bleating about the low quality of some limericks and the need to move on to a new verse form: John Parkes even sent me The Lure of the Limerick in the hope that it would act as aversion therapy, so I'm trying to break away.

However, having won my heart with "Dear Ruth, may I please come and play in your gang?" Pat Gould ensured I'd publish his Ganesh

The Pachyderm God without guile Is not - I declare - "milkophile"; The Elephant Frolic Is pure Lactoholic -That's surely the classical style?

Nor can I forsake limericks without offering you AJ Godden's suggestion for the promotion of "amicable Eurosentiments" through a Eurolimerick competition. Here is his model, about a resourceful lady from Ravenna coping with a shortage

Le donne di vecchia Ravenna Die sagen wir brauchen kein Männe On fait tous pour soi-même Und es gibt kein Problem Except for the following generation To get you started, he suggests you

fill in the lines between "Una bella ragazza di Gala[Had a torrid affair with

a sailor" and the last line, "Wie war denn dass fur ein Feheler! To your dictionaries! There will be a prize, though I can't yet think

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# Valencia's message to Brighton

Pritain's political parties, not to men-tion its bemused voters, may wish that the tortuous issue of a single European currency would simply go away. Until this weekend that outcome seemed possible. Amid German fears of losing the mark's stability, French difficulties in meeting the requirements of monetary union and British Euro-scepticism, time travel à la Stephen Hawking might seem as likely as sterling's disappearance.

But the weekend meeting of EU finance ministers in Valencia altered the political almanac. It revealed a dogged if perhaps unrealistic determination to create a single currency by 1999. Kenneth Clarke made it absolutely clear that Britain, unlike many other EU nations, will be purged of inflation and public debt, and so economics would not disqualify it from joining a multinational currency.

In short, as soon as 1998, a decision could be needed on whether Britain should combine with a rump of its European partners, probably Germany, France and the Benefux

countries, in forming a single currency.

That may horrify John Major: the Conservatives seem unlikely to be able to deliver monetary union. Even if Mr Major favoured the policy, it would split his party just as surely as did the 1846 reform of the Corn Laws. This may explain why Mr Major has focused recently on discussing future relations between EU members inside and outside a Eurocurrency bloc.

What about Labour? As the party's conference opens today in Brighton, polls suggest that Tony Blair is the politician most likely to be prime minister in 1998. Dur-ing his first year at No 10 he may have to

Yet Mr Blair and his party have been almost as agnostic about monetary union as the Government. Tomorrow, Labour will hold its conference debate on Europe and will enthusiastically embrace the European ideal. Yet the leadership will remain deliberately vague about Labour's

attitude to monetary union.

This studied ambivalence is understandable. Labour has its own Eurosceptics. The party's Europhilia has more to do with support for the European Commission's social policies than with sym-pathy for the strict monetary discipline that currency union demands. Labour's leadership wants to avoid being accused by the Tories of surrendering British sovereignty. Finally, of course, there may indeed be no point in debating the currency issue: given the poor state of the French economy, it may be impossible for it to meet the 1999 deadline. But if France and Germany do achieve their aim, then the economic and political shape of Europe would be transformed. Britain could not simply ignore the creation of such a powerful bloc: this country would almost certainly benefit more from being inside rather than outside it.

Mr Blair can no longer avoid these issues. His insistence on responsible economic policies, consistent with monetary union, deserves praise. But he must now educate his party and the country about a decision that he may have to confront in the first year of a Labour government. If Mr Blair fails to prepare the ground on Europe, he could find himself as powerless in 1998 as Mr Major is today, faced ing his first year at No 10 he may have to decide whether to seal the pound's demise. by an unruly party and an electorate starved of informed debate.

# Prolonging the imperial anguish

The Sunday afternoon pint of shandy in L the local pub was short lived. Permitted at last by the relaxation of the licensing laws in August, it was banned again by metrication yesterday. This time the problem is not the alcohol content of shandy, but the fact that it contains lemonade, and unlike "traditional" beer, cannot be sold in a pint measure. Sounds absurd, but apart from the odd irritation, most people will hardly have noticed that Britain just stepped up a gear in its transition from imperial to metric measures.

Pounds and ounces are out. Grams and kilos are in. Products must be labelled in metric. They can have imperial labels too. and they don't actually have to change the size of the product they package. So a pound of cheese is fine so long as the label says 454g. Loose food products are still exempt, so are measures that describe a product and so are deeply embedded within our culture: the pint of beer in the pub, the pint of milk on the doorstep, and the 16-inch shirt collar. Eighty per cent of grocery goods already comply with the reg-ulations, so it's hard to see why anyone should complain, other than the Imperial Metrics Preservation Society.

Yet the Federation of Small Businesses and several national newspapers are up in arms. They claim the changes are confusing, unnecessary and costly for retailers. At worst, metrication represents a further loss of British sovereignty in the face of homogenising babble from Brussels bureaucrats. But Eurosceptic passion is aiming at completely the wrong target. The European market is not the only reason for Britain making the change. Metric is easier to use. There are a thousand grams to the kilo, a hundred pence to the pound and 10 fingers to the person.

So why not have both systems of measurement running in tandem? Let those who need familiarity stick with the pounds and ounces they can visualise, and those who need to do lots of adding up use the maths-friendly milligrams, grams, and kilos. Then if the metric measures win in an open competition, no one can complain. The trouble is, that means the worst of both worlds. Confused shoppers can't work out if packaged tomatoes at £1.60 for 750g are better value than the loose cherry variety at 80p/lb. The point about standard eights and measures is to make sure that the marketplace is fair and everyone knows how much they are buying and selling. The most sensible objection to changing from a familiar to a new measuring system is that in the confusion of the conversion, customers are easily connedbut that's all the more reason to get it over and done with, so we can all get used to the new units.

Furlongs, acres, cubits, and stone have all been around a long time. There are 20 fluid ounces in a pint, two pints in a quart, four quarts in a gallon, two gallons in a peck, four pecks in a bushel and 8 bushels in a quarter. There is a strange beauty about such myriad and complex numbers and patterns developed with quirks and hiccuns through the centuries. Even so, the real test of a system of weights and measures is its ease of use, not its depth of culture and tradition. No matter how aesthetically pleasing the sixpence, few would wish to return now to pounds, shillings and pence.

### ANOTHER VIEW Angus Deayton

### Not a penny off our aid

omic Relief, as well as Oxfam, Save the Children and more than 100 other aid organisations are on particularly nasty tenterhooks this week. If what we're told is true, there's an extremely current attempt to slash the overseas aid budget in a way that could effectively almost halve the direct help the Government

sends to the poorest people in the world. knees not to make any reduction at all in this budget come November. I'm actually prostrate as I write this. We would hate to see our tax cuts financed like this, and we suspect most people in Britain would feel the same. Ten years ago, at the time of Live Aid, there was an extraordinary unity of emotion over the Ethiopian famine, huge outrage that Western governments had been part of letting such a thing happen. It couldn't have been clearer that British people felt a responsibility to people struggling to survive in the poor half of the world and wanted

their government to show it. Ten years later during 1995's Comic Relief the public donated £7.9m by telephone - double the amount they gave two years before; double the amount donated by telephone to Live Aid. Compassion fatigue? I think not.

Britain, I'm told, has a commitment to the United Nations to increase our overseas aid to 0.7 per cent of the gross national product. As formal commitments go it has turned out to be a bit of a Will Carling. In 1979 it was 0.51 per cent and now it's only 0.31 per cent. It's less than Germany's percentage. It's less than France's. If we're not to turn magenta with shame, we should at least keep things as they are. Even that, apparently, will mean adding £100m to the budget - which, inci-dentally, is less than the cost of widening the M25 between junctions 7 and 10.

Last February Douglas Hurd said: The purpose of aid ... is not in question. Nor is the moral imperative to use some of our wealth to help others. But in the longer term it is in our own self-interest Somewhat unusually, he's completely right. Major, Clarke, Rifkind, Baroness Chalker, Waldegrave presum-ably know he's right. Let's hope it's not forgotten in the rough and tumble of

negotiation.
It's not only aid professionals and a load of loud comedians in loud T-shirts who see the poorest people in the world as silent partners in these Treasury meetings - waiting to see if you're about to let a percentage of their crops die, leave a percentage of their children unvaccinated, a percentage of their water polluted. The British public has stood up for them over and over again with generosity good humour and pride. We're pretty sure they'll expect their government to do the same this November.

Angus Deayton is writing on behalf of



### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

### Looking after the welfare of chickens and their pluckers

From Mr Peter Bradnock Sir: Your leading article "Does anyone care about chickens" (28 September) and the photograph and report "Chicken farms inflict pain and disease' " in the same edition, are grossly inaccurate and alarmist. The welfare issues to which

you refer are not problems in British poultry farming today. Nor have they ever been of the magnitude or severity, in particular the incidence of heart disease and leg pain, which you imply. To say that each chicken-gets a space that is about a quarter of your broadsheet page is highly misleading. Broiler chickens are not reared in cages or otherwise confined. They are free and able to roam around the poultry house. Free-range methods of rearing poultry, which you appear to be advocating, have their own welfare and disease problems which are overcome by conventional housing.

There is no single piece of legislation devoted exclusively to the welfare of rearing broiler chickens, precisely because modern broiler farming methods, in themselves, do not create welfare problems. Nevertheless, chicken welfare is well protected by detailed references in various pieces of legislation governing the rear-

Net effect of Ms

From Mr Bryan Forbes

Greer's blustering

Sir. The estimable Germaine

Greet was scattering her shot

towards the Net Book Agree-

ment, VAT and the Oxbridge

publishers ("Away with price-fixing - and on with VAT!", 29 Sep-

hod Sibyls published at £20,

would jump to £23.50 and no

matter whether Asda et al

reduced it to £15, it would still incur the same VAT, and the

price would go back to £18.30.

Whether Greer fans would take

the trouble to find an Asda store

(assuming they even stocked her book) for the sake of saving all of

booksellers make extortionate

shelves, independent booksellers

such as myself are lucky to get 35 per cent discount which at the

end of the year results in a net

profit that hovers around the 1.5

The economics of publishing no longer have connection with

our literary heritage, they are

City-driven by misguided, short-term considerations. I strongly

question Ms Greer's contention

that books have virtually had it as

a way of storing and transmitting

information - has she tried read-

ing the classics on CD Rom? Myself, I find it difficult to hold

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ing, feeding, medication, transport, inspection and slaughter of meat. Intensive broiler produc-

You have pointed out the need for consumers to be properly informed in order to make ethical as well as economical choices. We entirely agree. It is therefore all the more disappointing that the photograph which accompanied your article on the alleged conditions in chicken broiler houses depicted an egg layer house which has nothing to do with the way meat chickens are reared.

Good husbandry, housing and feed, and scrupulous attention to hygiene are the key to good bird health and welfare. British poultry farmers maintain the highest welfare standards and they are proud of their excellent record. Yours faithfully. PETER BRADNOCK Director General British Poultry Meat

London, WC1 From Mrs Joan Haggard Sir: Your leading article asks "Does anyone care about chickens?" The answer is not nearly enough. It certainly seems that most people do not know, and have not bothered to find out,

why the price of poultry is so low

compared with other kinds of

good book is to be denied to future generations, then we are

all impoverished and eventually

our society will choke on its spu-

rious materialism.

Yours sincerely.

BRYAN FORBES

The Bookshop

Virginia Water,

If the pleasure of reading a

Federation

and Sixties in response to public demand for cheaper food. Now that the true cost, in terms of extreme animal suffering, has been exposed it is up to the public to demand that the procedure is reversed - or, at least, greatly

Humane poultry production may mean using more land (surely better than set-aside) and employing more people which would bring welcome employ-ment to the many side. And if the cost of a chicken, in actual money, does go up a little, it will not hurt any of us to eat slightly less and have a clearer conscience about it.

Yours sincerely, JOAN HAGGARD Harpenden, Hertfordshire 28 September

From Mr A. J. P. Dalton Sir: Your editorial waxes lyrical about the fate of the 700 million chickens slaughtered each year to satiate British appetites.

But there are thousands of poultry workers, often female (mainly chicken and turkey pluckers) - many of whom are members of this union - who frequently suffer from painful Repetitive Strain Injuries (RSI).

In 1979, the first "chicken plucker". Ms Presland, was awarded some compensation (£1,250) from the courts for her RSI caused by the job. She was one of 18 cases in as many

One of the most famous cases occurred in 1993 when six of our T&G poultry workers won a total of £21,000 from Bernard Matthews's turkey farm in East Anglia. But only one of the six could still work. And, at the time, we had another 72 cases pending. We urgently need some effective preventive action.

In the words of one of the women, 47-year-old Joy Mout-ency, "It is a revolting job. On the cutting line, two-thirds of the workers had wrist problems. We are talking of blood and guts. You have got to wear wellingtons. rubber gloves and apron. It is cold, wet and noisy and it stinks like heli."

There must be better ways to provide both work and food, Animals and humans unite. You have only your suffering to lose! Yours sincerely.

A. J. P. DALTON National Health and Safety Co-Ordinator Transport and General Workers' Union London, SWI

for gross human rights abuses. Following the Indonesian invasion, Britain voted for two Security Council regulations calling for the immediate withdrawal of all Indonesian troops and the holding of a popular referendum ол the future of the former Portuguese territory. The fact that to this day neither of these demands like Britain, who have been regime. In this day and age, is the only honour left that of thieves?

PETER CAREY Fellow and Tutor in Modern History

### tember), but missing her targets. If we take her welcoming VAT 29 September The Sierra Leone army now on books alongside the dis-From Mr Michael Swan echnique of recruiting undercounting it is alleged we shall Sir: In the course of her ill-temage combatants was introduced shortly be enjoying, her reason-ing makes no sense. With VAT at the current rate, her latest book

pered and confused outburst against publishers, booksellers and books Germaine Green makes some specific and damaging criticisms of the Oxford and Cambridge University

In particular, she claims: "The Oxbridge presses ride their contributors harder and give them even less editorial support than is available in other publishing houses; their authors are held responsible for all line- and copyediting and copy-editing".

I am no more starry-eyed profits to put her books on the about publishers than any other professional writer, but I cannot allow this nonsense to pass unchallenged.

I have written books for several publishers, including the two University Presses in question. Both CUP and OUP offer their authors a level of editorial support that is, in my experience, unrivalled, and this sup-port includes - of course highly professional content and copy-editing. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL SWAN Chilton, Oxfordshire 29 September

Correction: In Saturday's letter by Richard Bourne the date the Letters to the Editor and include a Government extended the daytime telephone munber. (Fax: European Convention on Human Rights to overseas territories, for whose international relations it retained responsiand clarity. We regret that we are bility, should have read 23 October 1953, not 1993.

### Boy soldiers are the true victims

From Professor Paul Richards Sir: The picture of a recently captured young rebel fighter accompanying Karl Maier's story from war-torn Bo ("Boys in arms find peace a trial", 27 September) summed up at a glance the tragedy that has played out in Sierra Leone these past five years. The into the region by Charles Taylor's rebels in Liberia, but spread to Sierra Leone with Taylor's allies, the Revolutionary United Front.

The fighting in both Liberia and Sierra Leone bore down heavily on rural civilians and left many youngsters as orphans. These orphans were pressganged by the RUF to join their movement. With little idea how to combat sub-teenagers fighting on crack cocaine, the Sierra Leone army, or its proxy militia, egan to adopt similar tactics.

Local communities know that youngsters captured by the RUF soon develop a sympathy for their captors. Villagers are hard-pressed to understand why their

### Magazine's future

From Ms Vicky Hutchings Sir: May I correct a few errors in your article "Board sacked as Statesman' chief steps into the

fray" (30 September). Philip Jeffrey did not take his continuing board membership. While Mr Jeffrey is not a direc-

own children have turned against them. Sometimes they consider this an irreversible product of rebel "sorcery".

Elsewhere, therapists use the term Stockholm Syndrome to account for the bond that develops between hijack victims and their captors. Summary execution was, at times, the fate of young rebel suspects rejected by their communities. But attitudes are changing.

recognises that it must treat these rebel children as the victims of the conflict and not as "enemy troops" in the normal sense of the term. This is why young Muse Knaka now stares out at Independent readers, where others of his kind occupy unmarked mass graves in the forest. Despite understandable civilian bitterness at the way an apparently meaningless war has wrecked rural communities, if this newer sympathetic approach holds then it may be the key to the longawaited and sorely needed peace process in Sierra Leone.

PAUL RICHARDS Professor of Anthropology University College London London, WC1

decision to appoint himself chairman of the board, and ask the board to resign, because the staff were "on the point of passing a vote of no confidence in the board". After the staff and board had been informed of Mr Jeffrey's decision, it was suggested to the staff that they might like to pass a vote of no confidence in the board. This the staff refused to do. Journalists then went on to pass a vote of confidence in their NUI representative on the board and her

tor, he and his wife were on the board until late last year. As owners of 49 per cent of the shares and as loan stock holders Mr and Mrs Jeffrey have always had power over the board, which has never

acted without consulting them.

As a 20 per cent shareholder and a director, I have not resigned and have no intention of doing so. Incidentally, there is no connection between this and our relationship with the leadership of the Labour Party, with which we shall retain a sceptical friendship under any possible owner or editor. It is simply about finding the best future for the main left of centre publication in the English-speaking world. Yours sincerely.

VICKY HUTCHINGS Director and Assistant Editor New Statesman and Society London, E2

# in East Timor

State terrorism

From Dr Peter Carey Sir: The British government's outrage at the European Court's judgment on the Gibraltar kill-ings, and its declared commitment to combating terrorism worldwide, are hard to reconcile with its record of support for state terrorism elsewhere in the world.

Twenty years ago this year, the former Portuguese colony of East Timor was brutally invaded by the Indonesian military, who have been directly responsible for the death of perhaps as many as a third of the pre-1975 popula-tion of 700,000

Yet, in that same period, Britain has become Indonesia's principal foreign arms supplier, providing a range of sophisticated weapons (including British Aero-space Hawk ground-attack aircraft) which have been used against East Timorese civilians. Training has also been provided in Britain for Indonesian officers from both army and paramilitary (Brimob Mobile Brigade) police units, some of which have subsequently seen service in East Timor and have been responsible

have been acceded to by Jakarta is largely the responsibility of Indonesia's Western "friends", knowing accomplices in its terror Yours sincerely

Trinity College, Oxford

From Mr F. B. Manley

### A GP at any age

Sir: You suggest (leading article, "Is young Brian too old to be a doctor?", 27 September) that "the medical profession should realise that it is possible and desirable to teach older dogs new tricks". My father, the late Dr W. B.

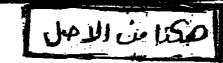
Manley, Barrister-at-Law (about 1920), retired in 1945 from 20 years' distinguished practice at the Bar and, aged 60 years, enrolled at St Thomas' Hospital, London, as a medical student. He sailed through every examination and qualified as a medical practitioner five years later at the age of 65. Thereafter he did several ocum jobs at Guildford hospitals and also served as ship's doctor on at least two luxury cruises, to South Africa and Australia, until the age of 72. Yours faithfully,

F. B. MANLEY Richmond, Surrey

### Loyalty rewarded

From Mr Maurice O'C. Walshe !. Sir. Would it not be fitting to mark Humphrey's return to 10 Downing Street ("Happy returns for Maggie and moggie", 27 Sep-tember) by making him Sir Humphrey? Yours sincerely,

MAURICE WALSHE Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire 27 September



# comment

# 'Statesman' staggers from crisis to crisis

While political magazines of the right thrive, why is the voice of the left so often in turmoil?

It is odd, when you think about it, that while the Labour Party is in intent on ensuring a loyal, stooge-like magazine. Mr Jeffrey said, in the everything seems to bode well for its prospects in the next election, there is still no decent broad-based magaine for people on the left to read. It's not, after all, primarily a question of money. In the general scale of this money. In the general scale of things, a weekly political magazine should not be that hard either to found or to

keep going.

One is not envisaging that elusive beast, the daily paper which would have to the Labour Party the same intiimate relationship as the Telegraph has to the Tories. One is talking about a political and cultural weekly that would have to new Labour the same frelationship as ... as the New States-man had to old Labour. In fact, one is talking about the New Statesman. Last week there was a deal of talk in the press about an attempt by Tony Blair's kitchen cabinet to get control of the moribund New Statesman, kick out its editor and replace him with a Blair-controlled stooge. Chief culprit in this story was a PR man called Brian Basham, who was said to be in the Blair loop. But Mr Basham tells me this is complete nonsense. He has only met Mr Blair once in his lifetime, and

while he does indeed know several Labour figures (the Kinnocks, for instance) he is in no way linked to any I also phoned the effective owner of the New Statesman, Philip Jeffrey, and asked him whether he thought Mr

the Statesman to such an extent that Mr Blair would sit up and take notice of it. He also said that if Mr Blair had wanted a Trojan horse on the New Statesman, then the obvious candidate would be himself, Mr Jeffrey (a loyal member of Amersham Labour Party). but he had had no approaches of any kind from the Blair camp. In fact, he had had precious little connection at all with the magazine either.

So this idea that Steve Platt, the magazine's editor, was being forced to resign as part of a general attempt to stifle opposition to new Labour appears to emanate from Mr Platt's circle. It appears to be a spin - a genuine example of a spin - from spin-doctors as yet unidentified.

Mr Platt was indeed being asked to resign, had in fact agreed to resign, and the finance committee of the magazine met last Tuesday to draft a press release to say that he had resigned. The reason for this resignation was that a refinancing scheme was being developed, and that if the magazine was to be refinanced the new investors would expect there to be a new editor. They would expect someone who, the phrase goes, was better

Yesterday, there was to have been



A weekly political mag should not be that hard either to found or keep going

a press conference at Brighton, announcing the new deal for the poor old Staggers and Naggers. Instead Mr Platt, having been persuaded, or having persuaded himself, that he was being hounded by unsavoury elements from Islington, decided not to resign. Mr Jeffrey learnt that the staff was about to pass a vote of no confidence in the board and decided to demand the resignation of the entire board. Christopher Price, the chairman, resigned, but Mr Basham has yet to do so. The other members have apparently refused to go. But, of course, the refinancing deal appears for the moment to be finished.

I say "for the moment" because Mr Jeffrey, who, as I reported above, was sweetness itself to me and in all his

references to Mr Blair, gave this paper's correspondent a rather different impression last Friday, saying: "What has happened today is not good news for Tony Blair." Apparently Mr Jeffrey is subject to mood-swings. I got his sweetest side. He paid tribute to the enormous effort and sacrifices made by the board members whom he had just instructed to resign.

The situation, as far as I can see, is that Mr Jeffrey, as is his right, has appointed himself chairman of the board, and brought in the accountant Peter Jones to look at the books and to decide whether or not to close the magazine down. Mr Jones has actually been looking at these books, to the best of my knowledge, for the past two decades. Perhaps he will come up with something this time. Perhaps not. Meanwhile he has the defiantly unresigned former members of the board to deal with.

The boards of the New Statesman have a not very happy history. In 1978, when I was one of the candidates for editorship, the paper owned its build-ing in Lincoln's Inn Fields, had money in the bank and made, as a company, an operating profit. All the candidates who made proposals within the fairly cautious old parameters were turned down in favour of an expansionist scheme intended to turn the Statesman into a news magazine on the lines of, say, Der Spiegel. The scheme was batty, went off at half-cock and the capital was soon used up.

In 1990 the magazine faced bank-

ruptcy but was saved in part by the investments made by two staff members. In one week, in January 1992, the Prime Minister and his caterer sued the magazine and its distributors for libel, the distributors settled their side and under the terms of their contract passed on to the magazine the bill for £250.000. about which it could do nothing. (The magazine's own part in the legal action was settled on much more modest terms.)

When it started going under again in 1993, there was interest from the quarter of one Derek Coombs, a former Tory MP, who is now the biggest single shareholder in Prospect, the new political magazine that was launched last week. The board split between supporters of Mr Coombs, who seemed OK except for having been a Tory, and Mr Jeffrey, who was eccentric but was at least Labour. Mr Jeffrey was chosen by one vote, and has since (with his wife) put the best part of £600,000 into the company. He owns 49 per cent, Mr Platt owns 1.5 per cent.

Hence the block vote. If Mr Jeffrey intends to put the paper in the hands of the receivers, he may well thereby end up deliver-ing it into the hands of his old rival for ownership, Mr Coombs. If Mr Platt digs in, in the name of resistance against Stalino-Blairite stifling of free speech, he may find his position overrun by an old Tory. Could someone make either of these fine individuals see sense?

# To the future, at warp speed

Could time travel come true? Stephen Baxter reports

Long ago I had a vague inkling construction projects, doesn't match up to our archetypa travel indifferently in any dream of time cars. direction of Space and Time."
From 'The Time Machine'

Of all the classic subjects of science fiction, perhaps the most out of reach – and therefore the most stimulating for authors, readers and scientists alike - is time travel.

The most prominent opponent of time travel ideas has been Stephen Hawking. But now Professor Hawking has started to concede the possibility, in his foreword to a new book on the science of Star Trek.

Hawking makes the point that there is a "two-way trade between science fiction and science". This has worked in the past: Verne and Wells inspired early researchers into space flight, such as Tsiolkovsky. Oberth and Ley, which led directly to Wernher von Braun's Apollo triumph in the 1960s.

But could this be true of time travel? A century after publication of The Time Machine, what does modern science fiction - and science - tell us of the possibilities of time travel? And what get-out clause in the laws of physics has made Hawk-

ing change his mind?
After Wells, sci-fi writers fell on time travel ideas, fans explored past and future, and developed new speculations about time. Ray Bradbury's A Sound of Thunder (1952), with its dinosaur hunters inadvertently killing a butterfly, memorably dramatised historychanging. In Behold the Man (1969), Michael Moorcock's time tourist finds himself tak-

ing Jesus's place on the cross. Perhaps the most famous time traveller of all is our own, beloved, Dr Who. The best of the Who tales dealt with the theoretical and moral implications of time travel. But is there any way to build a Tardis?

Modern physicists have time machines to work. Following the work of the American physicists Frank Tipler, Kip Thorne and others, most of these paper travellers journey in spacecraft around great loops through space and time. The loops are closed - the

travellers finish up at their starting point in space and in time - by exploiting the spacebending possibilities of Einstein's relativity theory.

Thome will have us travel through fixed wormhole time tunnels, for example, while Tipler urges us to fly around massive, rapidly rotating cylinders. A Kip Thorne time tunnel requiring huge outer-space Miles Kington is on holiday.

In 1949 Kurt Gödel - who had already, at 25, proven the incompleteness of mathematic described a rotating universe so distorted by its own spin that it contained paths looping into the past. In such a universe a Tardis could be built.

And, oddly, Wells himself, writing 50 years earlier. described "spinning" as an aspect of time travel: "I seemed to see a ghostly, indistinct fig-ure sitting in a whirling mass o: black and brass" (The Time Machine). Unfortunately, there is no evidence that our own

universe is rotating.
The idea of time-paradoxe developed in SF soon after Wells: if I go back in time and shoot my grandmother, I will not be born, and therefore could not go back and...

The acme of time-parado:: stories is Robert Heinlein's At. You Zombies (1959), in which. thanks to a time machine and a sex change, a person acts ahis/her own father and mother. In Isaac Asimov's The End o. Eternity (1955), time police protect a "pure" version of history

And now, as the physicist, devise almost-plausible time machines, they, too, must wrestle with the possibility of granny-strangling causality loops. This has been Hawking'main sticking point, in fact.

But the small print of the law. of physics does contain loopholes. Quantum physics allowthe possibility of multiple universes: the idea is that, rathe than creating a paradox within an individual history, a nev. world-line is created each time history is adjusted. Thorne and his co-workers have documented a remarkable series of thought experiments involving billiard balls colliding with themselves after passing through time-spanning wormholes.

We are a long way away from developing a viable prototype author knows that anything not outlawed by the laws of physics is only a matter of engineering. And in the parallel development of fictional and scientific time travel ideas, we can see that the feedback loops between science and SF are still working. It would be wonderful to sunpose that, among the readers of The Time Machine, or Gribbin or Hawking - or even my owr. books - there will be somewhere the Tsiolkovsky of time travel... Or even the von Braun

The writer is author of 'The Time Ships', HarperCollins, £4.99.

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Black alienation is erupting in the US. But there could be a positive outcome, says Rupert Cornwell

# After OJ, a black president?



Colin Powell: QJ Simpson; Louis Farrakhan: race, the rawest nerve of American society, has again been exposed, and healing will be required

Mercifully, it is all but over. Johnnie Cochran, Marcia Clark, Judge Ito and the rest of them will no longer hold millions of American lives in thrall. Armies of couch-potato lawyers will disperse, CNN must find new programming schedules. And finally the only heroes of this wretched saga, the 12 jurors and two alternates, will shortly be able to resume a normal existence after nine months of virtual imprisonment. But for America a greater, more perilous ordeal may only be starting. As the Trial of the Century winds down, in the dock is not merely OJ Simpson, but race relations in America at the end of the 20th century.

A month or two ago, for whites at least, the connection scarcely arose. Simpson was black, yes, but the colour of his skin was irrelevant. He had made his way in a white world, had white friends, even a white wife. His trial, whites assured themselves, was not about America's oldest, most intractable problem, but those more comfortable issues of money, celebrity, and whether some of the priciest lawyers in the land could extricate a former sporting superstar from an apparently pen-and-shut double-murder rap.

Then came Mark Fuhrman. After his perjury, his proven racism, and his taped bragging that the Los Angeles police routinely framed black suspects, even whites convinced by the seemingly irrefutable DNA evidence were no longer sure. For blacks, of course, Fuhrman was confirmation of what they always knew, that for them "justice" was a joke. The disproportionate numbers of blacks in America's prisons, the Rodney King case, now OJ - illustrations all of the America described by Cochran to the annual

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out for the Night

Generation Why

Congressional Black Caucus dinner in hington last weekend, a country of "barbed wire from sea to shining sea".

Whites, not blacks, were shocked by Fuhrman. Whites, decent and godfearing Caucasian Americans, were appalled that even after the Rodney King case law enforcement in LA might be little more than systematic racism. Now they understood why, from the moment it started, blacks had been as convinced of Simpson's innocence as they themselves were of his guilt. An ABC-News poll on Thursday, showing a 77 to 18 presumption of guilt among whites and an almost exactly opposite figure among blacks, was no

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longer itrational: merely another snapshot of a polarised country and a disquieting hint of what might lie ahead. Consider, for a start, the "Million Man March," to be held in Washington in a fortnight's time. It is organised by the radical black leader Louis Farrakhan, whose Nation of Islam movement has been providing a bodyguard for Johnnie Cochran throughout the last week of the trial. Sanctioned by Jesse Jackson, the occasion could see the largest black gathering in the capital since Martin Luther King pro-claimed "I have a dream" before 200,000 people in August 1963. The ostensible goal is to reassert the com-

mitment of black males to family, work and self-advancement and loosen the stereotypes of violence, sexual irre-sponsibility, and despair which shackle black America. But what if, at that very moment, a jury 3,000 miles away in Los Angeles proves the expert predictions wrong and "white justice" nails OJ?

Combustibles enough are already in place - even if Simpson were to this day living in domestic bliss, plugging Hertz rental cars and doing the commentary at televised football games. Black unity may be the order of the hour, but the prime mover remains Farrakhan. His image may have softened of late. But for whites (and not a few blacks) he remains a divisive and threatening figure, an emblem of militancy, anti-Semitism and intolerance.

For grievances, however, Farrakhan need look no further than the Capitol Hill which overlooks the Mall where they will gather. Blacks overwhelmingly vote Democrat. But a Republican Congress is seeking deep cuts in welfare, the Medicaid scheme for the poor, and a host of other smaller programmes - all part of America's social safety net, whose reduction will hit blacks especially hard. A block behind the Capitol, the Supreme Court looks poised to strike down electoral districts artificially drawn to send minority representatives to to Washington. If it does, the seats of up to half the 38-strong Black

Caucus in Congress will be at risk. And then there is affirmative action. sailed by Republican presidential contenders and undermined by this summer's Supreme Court ruling overturning laws that helped minorityowned firms to win government con-tracts. Even desegregated school inclined to see him as a saviour. The president in the Oval Office.

busing, that huge symbolic blow for racial equality, is being chipped at across the country. In short, a new and mean-spirited white Republican establishment seems bent on tearing up the achievements of 30 years of struggle for civil rights. And, say social Dar-winians, why not? After all, blacks have had preferential treatment long enough: if they still cannot get ahead, then the fault must be largely theirs. Some middle-class and conservative blacks might agree: but not, surely, the vast majority of those who will flock to Farrakhan's banner on 16 October. And yet, amid the alienation and division, an extraordinary phenomenon is

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at work. If an election were held tomorrow, Americans might very well elect a black man to their country's highest office. Now General Colin Powell's plans for the presidential campaign of 1996 are of course a mystery. The reasons for his popularity, however, are not. And that this popularity should use just as the Simpson melodrama approaches its climax is entirely logical.

Thus far, Powellmania is a white phenomenon. Certainly blacks are proud of the general's achievements and well-disposed to his argings to moderation, decency and common

WHAT HAPPENED

WAS IT A RAID !

Black Caucus dinner last weekend spoke volumes on the subject. It was General Powell who was officially honoured that evening - but the man who stole the show was Johnnie Cochran, expounding the "higher reason" of justice and civil rights involved

in the Simpson case.

From there it was but a short step to the frightening passions of this past week. And who knows what their wider impact might be in the weeks and months ahead. Small wonder President Clinton's concern that the trial not become a symbol of America's racial divisions. But it may be too late. Who could not take emotional sides after listening on live television to OJ's lead lawyer describing the white Mark Fuhrman as a genocidal monster akin to Hitler - or the father of the murdered Ronald Goldman vent his fury at the "sick" and "disgusting" Cochran for shamelessly playing the race card to save a killer?

With the final verdict tempers may cool, especially if, as is widely expected the predominantly black jury fails to convict. Even a hung jury, reckoned the most probable outcome, would buy time. But race, the rawest nerve of American society, has again been exposed, and healing will be required. Johnnie Cochran turned a millionaire black who moved in a privileged, affluent white world into an improbable martyr. Now, to bind its wounds, America may look to another black millionaire and honorary white, this one a former soldier on a book tour. Thus the Simpson case – a criminal. social and media extravaganza without equal in US history - might be midwife to another unparalleled event: a black

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# obituaries/gazette

# Susan Fleetwood

Susan Fleetwood was an actor's actor. Or maybe a director's, At any rate hers was the kind of dramatic talent which thrived in the subsidised sector; and since that sector has always been run by directors they - rather than the players - have become the stars of the serious stage in Britain. You have only to glance at the billing. The days when an impresario built an actor into a star - a name to draw the public - have long gone, at least on the classical stage. (On television, of course, it is another story and another kind of acting.) Susan Fleetwood was born in 1944, the daughter of an Army officer and the sister of Mick Fleetwood, one of the cofounders of the rock band Fleetwood Mac. There was never an actress of more obvious dedication to the classics. Even at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art it was Shakespeare. on a tour of Anzona in 1964, when she played Rosalind and Lady Macbeth, Later that year it was Lady Percy in Henry IV. Part One at the Everyman, Liverpool, where a group of young directors such as Terry Hands (a star-to-be with Peter Hall's Royal Shakespeare Company) and Peter James were staging ancient and modern classics -Wilde, Goldoni, O'Neill, Osborne and Fernando Arrabal in their radical way. Then came a decade with the

RSC, interrupted by stints with two other subsidised classical companies, the Prospect Theatre company and the Cambridge Theatre company. With them. Fleetwood played opposite another up-and-coming classicist, Ian McKellen. In The Recruiting Officer she strutted charmingly about as Silvia, the alling Laurence Olivier in 1973, girl who gets her man when or- Fleetwood shared everyone's

a soldier under the command of classical stage. In an otherwise her beloved, unsuspecting Capher beloved, unsuspecting Cap-tain Plume, played by McKellen. Coming only eight years after Maggie Smith's success in the same part, the performance revealed another truly promising actress. Or was it just her height which did the trick? To be "uncommon tall" is not always an

asset to an actress. Fleetwood also toured Europe as Ophelia to McKellen's Hamlet, ending up in the West End (Cambridge Theatre, 1971) before returning to the RSC with which her appear-ances as Audrey, in As You Like It, and Marina and Thaisa (mother and daughter), in Pericles (Ian Richardson played the title-role), had established her as an actress to watch. She took over from Judi Dench as Portia to Emrys James's Shylock, headed the Chorus somewhat sensationally, to the point of simulated orgasm, in Terry Hands's production of Murder In The Cathedral, and loomed manfully about in John Ar-den's four-hour epic The Island Of The Mighty at the Aldwych. Sometimes an actress is ill-

served both by writers and directors: and Electwood had to endure such setbacks; and accept that she had a way - a warm personality, lovely voice, sunny demeanour - of rising above her material or the whims of her directors. In The Taming Of The Shrew (1973) she again and again held her own as Katharina to Alan Bates's simpering Paduan, in a production which went all out for gags and knock-about "fun" at the expense of character.

When Peter Hall took over the National Theatre from the boy Of The Western World (1975) her Pegeen Mike won general approval; and if her Ophelia to Albert Finney's Hamlet did not have us all in tears it was full of colour, variety, warmth, without ever being sentimental. Warm again was her touch as the old writer's nurse in Osborne's Watch It Come Down - a performance full of charitable

emotion - but her gifts were

often wasted in new plays. After her success in Synge came an affecting Nora in O'Casey's The Plough And The Stars (again surrounded by an all-Irish cast) and a return to Chekhov in The Cherry Orchard (1978) as an unusually good-humoured Varya in Hall's production of Michael Frayn's translation; and she was suitably woeful as Ismene in Edward Bond's neo-Greek epic The Woman: Scenes of War And Freedom (1978, Olivier). Back with the RSC in 1980

she came into her own - rather improbably perhaps - as Rosalind in Terry Hands's staging of As You Like It. She brought such intensity of joy to her feelings for Orlando, such a natural desire to rejoice in her luck, that it touched the heart. Hers was a Rosalind of such a breathless coming-on disposition that as Ganymede, Orlando's tutor in the art of courtship, she seemed to throw to the winds all pretence of being a boy as she itched to lay hands on the pupil.

Six seasons later, for the first time in a career which had hitherto bypassed the West End, she found herself playing opposite Paul Scofield in I'm Not Rappaport (Apollo), a charming if sentimental Broad- time. She told me she kept a way study of two New York script open on a kind of lectern,

was driven to destruction by her father's precarious existence among the muggers and funkies; but that was orthodox commercial casting. In 1988, back at the Nation-

al, Fleetwood brought us all up with a jolt as Laura in Osborne's searing version of Strindberg's The Father (Cottesloe). Flatvoiced, ashen-faced, stooping, staring, when she laughed at her tormented husband she sent a chill round the house. Who knows what riches she might have brought us in the theatre had that side of her talent been cultivated in, say, Ibsen, the only other great author who seems never to have come her way? Of course she had a fine rep-

utation on television. Some might it call it stardom. It came in such programmes as The Buddha Of Suburbia (1993). Chandler and Co (in which she played the policewoman Kate Phillips), and the BBC film of Jane Austen's Persuasion (1995). Her films included Heat And Dust (1982), Tarkovsky's The Sacrifice (1985). White Mischief

(1987) and The Krays (1990);

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hetween.

Adam Benedick

Susan Fleetwood once almost boasted to me that she never read anything, writes Peter Eyre. She did not want to advertise the fact, but she had a mild form of dyslexia, and the lines were carefully coloured in her scripts to make it easier for her eyes to focus.

She was momentarily out of work when we discussed her disinclination to read. I wanted to know how she was filling her octogenarians, in which she and every now and then would

a rival, as she was also blessed stand there, working on a passage and acting out a scene with an astonishing gift for edea, perhaps, Cleopatra, comedy. She was a brilliant Hedda Gabler - great roles she mimic with an anarchic sense of had not yet played. I suggested to her that this was a form of the absurd in life, and in some of her most memorable performances displayed this skill -unforgettably as the egotistical reading, but she was insistent: "It's plays, not books. It's work." She had an almost fanatical Kaleria in Maxim Gorky's Sumdedication to her work. As with merfolk (1974, Aldwych), with her piercing shriek "What about some of the great actresses of

me?" at the end. Although the great Shake-speare heroines she played so sensitively - Imogen, Rosalind and Ophelia among others suggested the noble spirit of Ashcroft, an actress and friend

were not far from the world of Margaret Rutherford. Her range was enormous, and she seemed to bring off successfully whatever was demanded of her. She could appear to be a very abandoned extrovert, with her boisterous laugh and Valkyrie energy which could dominate a room as easily as a theatre. In fact she was a very solitary person, extremely

References to her long illness

she particularly admired, her were rare, even non-existent, beautifully pointed comic per-formances (in Merchant-lvory's Heat and Dust, for example) and usually indirect. In a letter she wrote to me a few weeks ago, from her mother's house. she asked me not to worry about her. However, she had a confession to make. She had actually read a book - Isabel Allende's The House of the Spirits - and enjoyed it. "Perhaps I'll get a real taste for it." she wrote, and completely overcome my dyslema."

> Susan Maureen Fleetwood, ac tress: born St Andrews 21 September 1944; died Salisbury 29



### Albert Johanneson

black footballer to achieve true one of the few entertainers in prominence in the English professional game. Others before him, such as Roy Brown, of Stoke City, and Doncaster Rovers' Charlie Williams (who became better known as a comedian), enjoyed worthy careers just after the Second World War, but the personable South African's dashing exploits with Leeds United in the 1960s gave him a far higher public profile.

Johanneson was a left winger whose explosive pace, bewitching sidestep and knack of scoring goals made him one of the er with 13 League goals as they most effective early contributors to the revival at Elland Road inspired by Don Revie.

Having been recommended to the then Second Division club by a teacher in his home town of Joharnesburg, the 21-year-old Johanneson impressed on a three-months trial with Leeds. and then became one of Revie's first signings in April 1961. Conditioned by a life of rigid apartheid, Johanneson was understandably unsure of himself initially, not even knowing if he was allowed to join his white colleagues in the team bath. They responded by stripping him of his kit and plunging him in; a roughand-ready welcome but a warm

one which he appreciated. Thereafter, Johanneson settled well both on and off the pitch, winning promotion to the senior side, and became a favourite with the Elland Road fans. They, like the vast majority of other supporters, judged him purely on his merits as a

Albert Johanneson was the first footballer, and he stood out as an essentially dour team. Incidents of racism were extremely rare, though on one occasion he complained that an Everton defender, whom he didn't name, had called him a "black bastard" during the heat of a particularly bitter match. Revie's advice was to "call him a white bastard back." Johanneson distinguished

himself in the latter stages of Leeds's successful battle against relegation in 1961-62, then became firmly established in the side and was the joint top scorwon the Second Division He was especially effective in

tandem with the club's skipper, Bobby Collins. As the effervescent little Scottish schemer put it: "Albert could fly and I could put the ball on the spot for him. When he was in his stride there weren't many who could catch him." Johanneson's performing

peak came, perhaps, in 1964-65, when the newly promoted Leeds were pipped for the title only on goal average by Man-chester United, then lost the FA Cup Final to Liverpool. In retrospect, that Wembley defeat -Johanneson was the first black player to appear in a final, but made disappointingly little impact - marked something of a watershed in his career. It was as though his self-belief, always rather fragile, had taken a severe knock and he was never quite the same again. Soon after that he lost his



place to the England interna-

tional Mike O'Grady, and then became increasingly peripheral through a combination of niggling injuries and the rise of the brilliant Eddie Gray, Accordingly, Johanneson was no more than a bit player as Revie's Leeds matured into a mighty footballing force and it was no surprise when he left to join York City, of the Fourth Division, in the summer of 1970. Though in his 31st year, he had much to offer the Minster men

and in his one full season at Bootham Crescent, he helped them gain promotion. He continued to be dogged by fitness problems, however, and retired

in 1971. In the years that followed. Johanneson fell on hard times and his health suffered as he became dependent on alcohol. A gentle fellow, he had been popular with his team-mates, some of whom attempted to help him over his difficulties. Poignantly, though, he died

for several days before his body was discovered. It was a pitiful end for a man who, in his pomp, had thrilled huge crowds and earned their affection.

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Leeds tower block, aged only 55,

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Ivan Ponting Albert Johanneson, footballer; born Johannesburg 12 March 1940; played for Leeds United 1961-70, York City 1970-71; died Leeds c24 September 1995.

# **Gerd Bucerius**

In 1945 a press officer of the British Military Government asked the Hamburg minister responsible for the city's housing to set up a daily paper. The per-son concerned was Gerd Bucerius, a lawyer by profession. He presented a plan which the British adopted and they, not he, started to publish the highly successful *Die Welt*. As a consolation prize the British gave Bucerius a licence to publish a weekly. Die Zeit. Publication began on 21 February 1946. In terms of prestige the week-ly came to overshadow the dai-

y. Together with Der Spiegel, Bucerius's publication has remained the most influential opment of Die Zeit was not without difficulties. Although Germans were excited about new ideas in politics, the arts and economics, and were desperate for contributions which helped them to understand the shameful years of Hitlerism, the financing of such a project was not easy. In the 1950s the paper suf-

fered severe financial losses. Bucerius had bought 50 per cent of the shares in the rival weekly Stern, which was a great financial success. Stern was glossy, Die Zeit was not; Stern mixed fashion, crime, sex, scandal, even cookery, with serious political articles. Happily all three weeklies survived. Die Zeit achieved profitability in the second half of the 1970s. In its early years the paper was regarded as independent but rather conservative; by the end of the 1960s it was on the liberal wing of the Bonn establishment.

Gerd Bucerius was born in Ham, Westphalia, in 1906. He studied law in Hamburg and worked briefly as a judge in Kiel and Flensburg. He could not continue in this position after the Nazi take-over in 1933 but remained a lawyer, defending those who fell foul of the regime.

Bucerius was a founder member of the right-of-centre Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in 1945. After serving in the regional government in Hamburg and the Economic Council, the forerunner of the German parliament, he entered the first democratically elected post-war German parliament, the Bundestag, in 1949, East Germany in the 1980s. On He was most concerned about the future of Germany and served as the chairman of the Berlin committee, in 1949-53.

for the market economy, worried about the influence of the Catholic church and took the view that the Protestant wing of the CDU must have its proper place in the party hierarchy. Nevertheless, he supported Konrad Adenauer as party leader and Chancellor. Later he became increasingly disenchanted with "the old fox". Adenauer wanted to make Bucerius responsible for any criticism of his leadership which appeared in Die Zeit. Bucerius could not convince his leader that he did not interfere with the editor's freedom. On 22 March 1962 Bucerius resigned from parliament and from the CDU. He supported Dr Ludwig Erhard, the "Atlanti-

From the start. Bucerius was

ic miracle, to succeed Adenance in 1963 against the "Gaullist" wing of Christian Democracy. In the 1980s Becerius hand-

ed over the management of Die Zeit to Helmut Schmidt, who had been removed from office in 1982 after the Liberal PDP had withdrawn its supplif from the Social Democratic Chanceltor. Bucerius had known Schmidt since they were both politically active in Hamburg in the postwar years. This did not mean that Bucerius had become a Social Democratic supporter, rather he supported the ex-Chancellor. He was critical of the SPD's dialogue with the ruling SED in dable Countess Marion Donhoff. his long-time collaborator at Die Zeit. Bucerius felt the SPD was taking the SED too seriously, regarding it as the legitimate representative of the people it ruled. He believed it was an illusion to think real peace could be had with such a regime.

In 1986, together with the Social Democrat Herbert Wehner, Bucerius was elected a freeman of the city of Hamburg. On that occasion Helmut Schmidt said, both were full of passion. both were filled with a sense of responsibility for the fate of Germany.

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Karl Anton Martin Gerhard (Gerd) Bucerius, publisher, lawyer: born Hamm, Westphalia 19 May 1906; publisher and pro-prietor, Die Zeit 1946-95; married 1947 Gertrud Müller, died Hamburg 29 September 1995.

### BIRTHS

RYAN: On 23 September, to Sean and Elizabeth [Woodman], a daughter, Enma Christine. With special thanks to all at PRH. Haywards Heath, and Crawley SCBU. DEATHS

HENNESSY: On 25 September 1995, Shaun Michael Hennessy, of Tavel-hurst, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes, passed away peacefully at home, aged 48 years. The funeral is to take place at 12 noon, on Thursday, 5 Oc-tober 1995, at Crownbill Crematoritoper 1995, at Crownbill Crematori-ium. Danstead Way, Crownbill, Milton Keynes. No flowers please: donations, if devired, for The Magmillan Nurs-es, The Hospice of Our Lady and St John, Manor Farm, Milton Keynes MK15 94R, Inquiries please to J.S. Cowley & Son, Puneral Directors, relephone 01908 565353.

telephone 01908 565353.
HOULDEN: On 27 September, Ken-neth Harry Houlden (priest), aged 85, lot ed husband of Margot. A loval and encouraging friend to many. Service of Thanksgwing at Highfield Church, Southampton, on Friday 6 October at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. No let-ter's please. Donations, if desired, to Christian Aid or Highfield Church, to Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

Mr Trevor Brooking, footballer, 47; Dr William Cramond, clinical psy-chiatrist, 75; Lord Davies, chairman of Welsh National Opera, 55; Sir Brian Dillon, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, 70; Professor Sir Robin Duthic, former chairman, Britoil, 67; Peter Frankl, pianist, 60; Mr Peter Hobson, headmaster, Charterhouse School, 51; Col Geoffrey Luttrell, for-Miss Jan Morris, author, 69: Mr James Porter, former director-

### Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

**MEMORIAL SERVICES** EVERSLEY: A meeting to commemorate and celebrate the life and work of David Eversley will be held in central London on Tuesday 31 October 1995. All are welcome. Please contact Marion Eversley, telephone 01462 742631, fax 01462 743259 for fuller details.

IN MEMORIAM

MUTR: John Gerald Grainger, died I October 1990, Always missed. Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS (Births, Adoptions, Marriages, Deaths, Memo-rial services, Wedding anniversaries, In Memoriam) should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor, The Independent, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, Lon-don E14 5DL, telephoned to 0171-293 2011 or faxed to 0171-293 2010, and ere charged at £6.50 a line (VAT extra).

### Birthdays

Miss Anna Ford, broadcaster, 52; Mr 76; Mr Don McLean, folk singer, 50; general, Commonwealth Institute, 67;

Mr Vivian Ridler, former Printer to Oxford University, 82; The Right Rev Lord Runcie, former Archbishop of Canterbury, 74; The Right Rev Roger Sainsbury, Bishop of Barking. 59; Sir Richard Scott, Vicescellor of the Supreme Court, 61: Sting (Mr Gordon Summer), rock singer, 44; Mr Gary Streeter MP, 40; Mr Duncan Thomson, keeper, Scot-tish National Portrait Gallery, 61; Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Tippett. former Chief of Fleet Support, 67; Lord Todd OM, chemist, 88; Mr Sam Wainwright, former deputy chairman, Post Office, 71; Lt-Col Eric Wilson

### Anniversaries

Births: Richard III, King of England, 1452: Sir Edward Burnett Tylor, anthropologist, 1832; Hans Thoma, painter, 1839; Paul Ludwig Hans von Beneckendorff und yon Hinden-burg, field marshal and president, 1847; Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, 1851; Mohandas Karame-hand Gandhi, Indian leader, 1869; Wallace Stevens, poet, 1879; Julius "Groucho" Marx, comedian and actor, 1890; Budd Abbot, comedian, 1895; Ignatius Roy Dunnachie Campbell, poet, 1901; Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, statesman, 1904; Hen ry Graham Greene, novelist, 1904. Deaths: Benoit Andran, anist and en-Deams: Benott Andran, artist and engraver. 1721: John André, English army officer, executed by George Washington for spying 1780; Admiral Angust Keppel, first Viscount, naval commander and politician. 1786; Max Bruch, composer. 1920; Svante Angust Arrhenius, chemist, 1927; Sir Thomas Johnstone Lipton, sportsman, and merchant 1931. sportsman and merchant. 1931: rie Stopes, birth control pioneer, 1958; Marcel Duchamp (Henri-Pierre Roche), Surrealist painter, 1968; Katharine Susannah Prichard, list, 1969; Paavo Nurmi, athlete 1973: Rock Hudson (Roy Fitzgerald Scherer), film actor, 1985; Sir Peter Brian Medawar, medical scientist, 1987. On this day: Saladin, Prince of the Knrds, entered Jerusalem, 1187: the British navy defeated the French at the second Battle of Cape Finisterre, 1747; Rome became the capital city of Italy, 1870; the first Royal Naval submarine was launched at Barrow, 1901; the first rugby football match was played at Twickenham, 1909; Abyssinia (Ethiopia) was in-vaded by Italy, 1935; a new island appeared off Payal Island, Azon

with a volcago at the centre, 1957:

Guinea became an independent re-public, 1958; Neil Kinnock became

leader of the Labour Party, 1983. Today is the Feast Day of St Eleutherius of Nicomedia, The Guardian Angels and St Leger or Leodegarius.

### Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: Elizabeth McMurray, "At Home in the 1930s: the EKCO collections of trade

### Gray's Inn

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn: Judge Nina Lowry, Mr Michael Lawrence Saunders, Miss Hilary Heilbron QC, Mr Michael Newman Howard QC, Mr John

### Wills

Sir Bernard Caulfield, of Ingleby, Lincoln, Judge of the High Court of Justice (Queen's Bench Division) 1968-89, left estate valued at £323,422 net.

The Hon Kenneth Henry Lowry Lamb, of London SW7, Head of Re-ligious Broadcasting at the BBC 1963-66, left estate valued at £233,483 net. Dr Michael Scott Montagu

Fordham, of Jordans, Bucking-hamshire, psychologist and founding chairman of the Society of Analytical Psychology, left estate valued at £334,156 net.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS Prince Michael of Kent attends Tol Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mo

ment mounts the Oneen's Life Guard at

# Changes to improve appeal procedures Practice Statement: Procedura

Changes; Court of Appeal (Sir Thomas Bingham MR); 26 July 1995 It is generally accepted that

steps must be taken to improve existing procedures and shorten the time currently spent on oral argument of cases in court. The accompanying practice direction aims to ensure appli-cations and appeals are handled and decided as efficiently and expeditiously as is practicable consistently with fairness and sound decision-making. The court hopes it may be possible to identify cases susceptible to settlement by mediation and it is hoped to introduce a trial

Practice Direction; Court of Appeal (Sir Thomas Bingham MR); 26 July 1995 This practice direction super-

sedes Practice Directions [1989] 1 All ER 891; [1989] 1 WLR 281; [1990] 2 All ER 318; [1990] 1 WLR 794; [1987] 3 All ER 434; [1987] 1 WLR 1422 (so far as it deals with time estimates and listing); [1990] 2 All ER 1024; [1990] I WLR 1126 (handed down judgments in lieu of transcripts); [1986] 3 All ER 630; [1986] 1 WLR 1318 (which deals with appeal bundles). The practice direction came into force on 4 September 1995. In applications to the Court LAW REPORT

of Appeal for leave to appeal on paper or in an oral hearing, the applicant should not burden the court with documents not relevant to the application. The Civil Appeals Office sets out the court's requirements concerning bundles

Where the applicant is legalaided and the single Lord Justice has refused leave on paper, the applicant's solicitor must send to the relevant legal aid office a copy of the single Lord Justice's order. On a paper application ap-

plicants must provide the sin-gle Lord Justice with a clear and succinct summary of the grounds unless they are plain in the notice of appeal. If the single Lord Justice grants leave or directs an oral hearing, directions may given on the time for oral argument and the lodging and service of skeleton

arguments.
The time limits for lodging bundles and skeletons for an oral hearing of an application for leave are set out. The applicant's oral argument will be expected to be completed within 20 minutes and that time limit will be extended only if the court considers more extended argument is required.

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granted, the timetable for eletons will be the same as in the case of an appeal. On renewed applications for leave to move for judicial review the applicant, if in person, or his advocate will be expected to complete his oral argu-

ment within 30 minutes. Solicitors for the appellant must lodge an estimate of the length of the appeal hearing exclusive of judgment. The re-spondent's advocate must notify the Civil Appeals Office if his estimate differs. Any revised time estimate must be lodged in writing.

Each appeal is given a target date or hear-by date. Appeals are designated fixtures, second fixtures or assigned to the short-warned list. Skeleton arguments should identify and summarise the points, not argue them fully on paper. In a normal length appeal of 1-2 days, skeletons should not exceed 10 pages in the case of an appeal on law and 15 pages in an appeal on fact. The court will direct the timetable for skeleton arguments as prescribed in

to assist litigants in person two leaflets have been prepared by the Civil Appeals Office. Part II of the practice direc-

tion sets out revised requirements concerning the form and content of appeal bundles. Transcripts lodged must be official copies provided by the shorthand-writers or transcribers. Where the judge handed down judgment, photocopies of that handed-down judgment, signed by the judge, can be-lodged for an appeal in lieu of the official transcript. Where an ex tempore judgment was giv-en, the appellant's solicitor should make arrangements for the note of judgment to be prepared and agreed with the re-spondent and then submitted to the judge as soon as the notice of appeal has been served.

Where the bundles of documents comprise more than-100 pages, a core bundle containing the documents central to the appeal must be lodged. Bundles must be paginated and indexed. All documents must be bound together. All documents must be legible. Time limits will be strictly enforced except where there are good grounds for granting an extension. The solicitor in charge of the case must personally satisfy himself that the documentation is in order bethe practice direction. In order fore it is delivered to the court.

CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

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BT denies overcharging reports

IN BRIEF

BT denied reports over the weekend that it is charging customers

£100m a year for calls that are not completed because the num-

bers are engaged, saying that after three years of research it had found "no evidence" of overcharging. The telecom giant also dismissed accusations that it had told its managers to "fob off"

customers who complain of such charges. BT said there had

been a significant increase in complaints following the introduction

of fully itemised bills a year ago. But in the vast majority of "short-

call" cases the caller had either heard a fax tone and rung off

The number of larger companies going bust in London increased

by more than a third in the first nine months of the year, while

every other region in Britain enjoyed a fall in business failures.

Dunn & Bradstreet, the business information company, said that including small business bankruptcies the capital's failure rate

had gone up by nearly a fifth, compared to a nation-wide decrease of 8.7 per cent. Overall, the number of liquidations in

Britain rose 4.6 per cent in the first nine months, while smaller business busts fell by 16.4 per cent.

KPMG, Britain's second-largest accountancy firm, is tomorrow expected to announce that it is turning its audit division into a

limited-liability company in order to give itself greater protection against the growing numbers of negligence claims. The move is designed to put the audit partners on the same sort of footing as company directors. Coopers & Lybrand, Britain's largest accountancy firm, and other leading practices, such as Price Waterhouse and First & Young and brother to be investigating the

terhouse and Ernst & Young, are known to be investigating the issue. Some outsiders say the result of the vote by KPMG's 600 UK partners at London's Savoy Hotel is "too close to call".

Pubmaster, the UK's leading independent pub operator with over 1.700 outlets, has bought 137 pubs from Whitbread for £12.25m. The sites are mainly in the North-west, the West Country and Kent, and had previously been leased from Whitbread

as part of a deal agreed between the two companies in June 1992. Four weeks ago Pubmaster paid £2.5m for amusement machine operator Inn Style Leisure, which runs machines in 2,000 pubs.

The Confederation of British Industry today will launch what

it claims is the first organisation to represent Britain's small and

medium-sized companies. The Small and Medium Enterprise

Council will replace the 25-year-old Smaller Firms Council. John

Parson, chairman of the new council, said: "While we endorse

the need to stimulate a thriving start-up and micro business sec-

for what we need to do is to encourage the Government to put

into place policies that help the growth of a 'Minelstand' sec-

Rhone-Poulenc Rorer is expected to raise its bid for UK drugs

group Fisons by around 20p a share before Friday's deadline

for a revised offer, according to sources close to the US phar-

maceuticals company. In August, Rhone-Poulenc launched a hos-

file bid at 240p per share in cash, valuing Fisons at £1.7bn. Lehman Brothers and J O Hambro Magan are handling the bid.

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Rhone-Poulenc to raise Fisons bid

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# National Power to bid £2.8bn in cash for Southern Electric

JOHN WILLCOCK Financial Correspondent.

The carve-up of the electricity industry will gather momentum today when National Power launches an agreed £2.8bn cash bid for Southern Electric and puts three of its own power stations up for sale. Later in the week, Houston Industries, a Texan utilities group, will rejoin the battle for control of Norweb.

National Power's bid is exected to value Southern, the largest regional electricity com-pany, at around £1,005-£1,015 a share, compared to Friday's closing price of 897p. Two groups are in contention

for National Power's planned £1bn power station sell-off: Eastern Group and AES, the US energy group. Eastern said yesterday it had no comment to make on the speculation". In another twist, Houston Industries and its partner Cen-tral and South West Corpora-

tion are planning another bid for Norweb, after their original agreed offer of £1.7bn last week was trumped by North West Wa-ter's hostile bid of £1.72bn. The Texans fear that NWW may be able to increase its 11.7 per cent stake in Norweb if its

share price continues to fall.

The two American compa-

have formed a joint venture, Texas Energy Partners, to invest in utilities world-wide. The Texans have said they want to expand into Britain, partly because of the "very attractive" economic environment, while NWW claims its can get big cost savings by rationalising overlaps betweens its operations and Norweb.

Some power bosses fear that the National Power bid will finally persuade the Government to launch a monopolies inquiry into the industry. The Labour Party conference this week is set to hear strident calls for a full-blown inquiry into the takeover frenzy gripping the pri-vatised utilities. The sale of three of National Power's largest power stations, as ordered by power regulator Pro-fessor Stephen Littlechild, is

designed to head off this threat.

Eastern, the Rec bought recently by Hanson, is already buying two power stations for £400m from PowerGen. AES lost out to Eastern in that battie. Both companies have been asked to submit bids for National Power's stations in the next fortnight. The parties hope to complete the deal by the end

of the year. This will cut National Power's share of the generating market

from 34 per cent to 25 per cent. leaving the number one spot to British Energy, the nuclear group to be sold off next year.

The current tumult in the electricity industry looks set to continue as sources close to the Government indicated that Chancellor Kenneth Clarke is unlikely to copy Labour's idea of a £3bn "windfall tax" on the utility companies.

The prospect of more UK utilities falling into overseas hands is another sensitive political issue. If the Texans are successful, Norweb will become the second British electricity company to be bought by Americans, following

West Electricity by Southern Electric International. There are continuing rumours in the City that PacifiCorp of the US will counter Scottish Power's Man-

Six of the Recs privatised in 1990 have been bid for so far, while Manweb has been the only one to face a hostile bid. Other American utilities are expected to enter the ring. The two Texas companies had been talking to Norweb for some time about the UK company joining them in a US power generation project, but the discussions were put on hold after the bid

# Falklands oil frontier opens for exploration

HUGH O'SHAUGHNESSY and `had talks with YPF, the Ar PETER RODGERS

British Gas, Lasmo and other leading oil and gas companies will this week confirm their interest in one of the most exciting frontier exploration area to might try to get the whole emerge for decades. Tomorrow the government of the Falkland Islands will invite Europe's oil companies to search for oil and natural gas in one of the last - and potentially richest - unexplored regions.

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Detailed regulations con-cerning 19 offsbore areas, due to be published in Stanley this week, will give companies the right to exploit reserves for 47 years - and, after negotiation, perhaps longer. The big companies are playing down the area's potential but it is tantalising. In 1975, a team from Birmingham University identified potential oil-bearing sedimentary strata 3.5 km thick and a Foreign Office report has described the offshore areas as "comparable with many areas of

the North Sea". The licensing round - which later this month moves on to Houston, Texas, to attract North American explorers - comes in the wake of a political agree-ment on maritime boundaries signed by Britain and Argentina at the United Nations last week. Directly after the signing by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and his opposite number, Guido di Tella, there were calls in Buenos Aires for Argentina to tax companies operating in Falklands waters. Argentine nationalists have also condemned the agreement as a sellout to Britain by President

Carlos Menem. Despite the continuing but much-diminished, political fragility stemming from Argentina's continuing claim to the islands, exploration prospects are enticing. Although much has been made of the remoteness of the area and its comparative lack of infrastructure, the conditions for drilling around the Falklands are infinitely more favourable than the Arctic environment of Northern Alaska, where BP is pumping out vast

British Gas, which has a large operation in Buenos Aires, has more detail.

gentine oil company, and others about joint activities in the Falklands. But although the industry has been speculating that British Gas will bid for a key role - one source suggested it acreage in conjunction with the Argentinians - the company has tried to cool speculation.

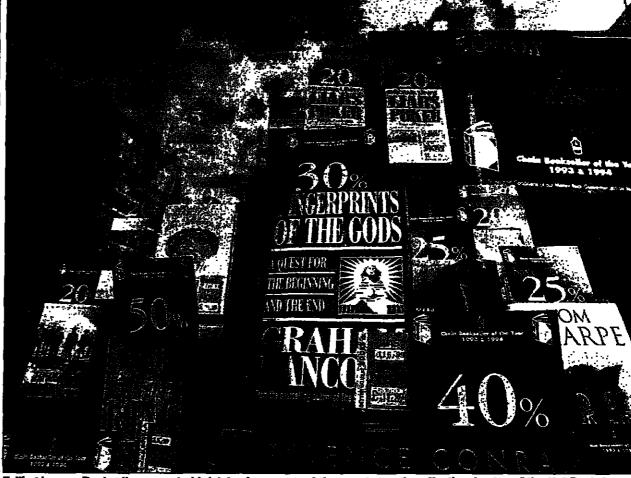
Andrew Gurr, chief executive of the Falkland Islands, said just under 100 top oil companies had been invited to the presentations he is giving tomorrow, which will cover the areas on offer and the legal, taxation and environmental requirements on oil companies.

He expected licensees to form consortiums even among the bigger oil companies. "It's the British of Company, con-firmed that it was looking at the possibility, but would only proceed if if found partners.

There is only one oil exploration company in the Falk-lands, Monarch Exploration, which was set up by Gordon Thompson, an oil consultant in the UK, who raised seedcorn money in a share offering to which 150 Palkland islanders subscribed. Monarch has a registered office in Stanley but no staff there. Mr Thompson said: "We think a genuine Falkland Islands company will be very attractive to have as a partner. He hopes to link with an exploration company and raise funds to finance Monarch on the back of it.

Although the British Geological Survey has likened the area to the North Sea sedimentary basin, oil companies say before an expensive commitment to exploration is made they will need to be convinced there are also large rock structures capable of containing oil - which does not follow automatically. The area involved is 50 per cent bigger than the North Sea.

A decision to shift resources from an existing exploration area was a big one that had to be backed by stronger indications of possible oil-bearing rocks than have yet been made available. However, the pre-sentation is expected to go into



Falling leaves: Booksellers reported brisk business around the country as the effective demise of the Net Book Agreement triggered discounting at leading bookshop chains. Dillons, now part of Thorn EMI, announced cuts on more than 200 titles yesterday, following similar moves by Waterstone's and its parent WH Smith. The decision to abandon pricefixing has sparked fears that small retailers and publishers of more obscure books could go out of business. Monday Interview with Gail Rebuck, page 21

# Hard dealing amid the canapes

Economics Correspondent

This week's annual meetings of

the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in Washington, notorious for their lavish cocktail parties and intense networking, are expected to be harder work than usual.

They meet at a time when the currency markets are poised to overturn the "orderly rever-sal" of the dollar's fall against the yen, which the G7 ministers first said they sought at their April meeting and finally achieved in August. In the past 10 days the dollar has returned to its end-August level.

The G7 meeting next weekend is also expected to discuss a plan for rebuilding Bosnia after its bitter war. It will seek to co-ordinate UN emergency relief with longer-term projects by the World Bank and IMF.

agree about what needs to be done. There are several others with the potential to turn into anything from an "agreement to disagree" to a full-blown row.

A discussion of debt relief for the world's poorest countries falls into the former category. Britain has taken a lead during the past year in moving this unglamorous topic up the agenda. Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's proposal that the IMF sell some of its gold reserves, invest the proceeds and use the income for debt relief is unlikely to gain approval from fiscally strait-laced countries such as Ja<del>pan</del> and Germany.

A leaked World Bank proposal for a trust fund that would meet debt repayments is unlikely to be approved. Some of the G7 countries - the biggest shareholders in the bank and IMF - disagree in principle with anything that appears to let countries off their debts. But a broad agreement on what ought to be done for the world's poorest debtors could still emerge. A second thorny topic is how

to increase the IMF's crisis funds. This is one of the unresolved issues raised by the Mexico crisis at the turn of the year. When that broke, the fund happened to have plenty of cash on hand but it might not in future. The front-runner as a source of extra crisis cash is an expansion of the General Arrangements to Borrow. This is a kind of IMF overdraft facility fund-

G7 plus the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden and late joiner Switzerland. The seven biggest countries want to bring in other nations to expand this facility. The opposition will come from the four non-G7 members of the G10 club. They fear the dilution of

their influence in the interna-

ed by the G10 countries - the

post-Mexico problem is putting the finishing touches to the IMF's surveillance of its member countries. The fund has successfully tightened up its annual "Article Four" consultations to the point where one head of state has made a complaint about how frank the fund's report was. However, it wants to publish a list of countries that do not meet its minimum standards for economic statistics. Dropping off the list would obviously scare away foreign in-vestment. Some countries that fear their statistics are not up to scratch will object to the idea

of publication.

The biggest battle of all, however, will not take place between participants at the meetpersuade the US Congress not to cut the American contribu-tion to the World Bank's development arm, the IDA.

# PIA proposals could end impartial advice

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Independent financial advisers could be given the right to restrict the products they sell to just a handful of insurance companies, if a financial services watchdog bows to pressure and changes its rules. Such a move would in effect mark the end of truly independent financial

Proposals to scrap the existing system, called polarisation, are discussed in a document currently being drawn up by the Personal Investment Authority,

the industry watchdog. The move to change the system is being backed by Sir Mark Weinberg, the chairman of J Rothschild Assurance. Sir Mark received a knighthood for his efforts in helping to draw up the Financial Services Act in

Under the existing system, financial advisers must choose between selling the products of

clients about the entire range within the market. Changing the rules would allow them a halfway house, in which they tie to several companies rather than

This would allow existing tied agents to sell a wider range of products than before, but independent advisers would be restricted to just the companies they tie With.

In return for abandoning the polarisation system, it is being suggested that insurance companies might shoulder their new tied agents? share of the overall £3bn pension transfer compensation bill.

This would benefit independent advisers, hundreds of whom could be forced out of business by the need to offer revate ones.

dress to clients whom they wrongly advised to opt out of company pensions and into pri-

advisers as harmful to the

Brian Denny, the chairman of the IFA Association, the advisers' trade body, has argued that prospective clients would be unable to tell whether advice being given was truly indepen-

Academic studies have suggested that the existence of a strong IFA market has helped to keep prices of various products down as providers are forced to compete for business from advisers.

However, even independent advisers admit that the idea of impartial advice is something of a myth. Jim Gaskin, the managing di-

rector of Countrywide, a national organisation of 600 independent financial advisers. says: "In reality, although we have over 200 companies on our recommended product list, The proposals for a "multi-tie" system have been bitterly at-business is done with 25

# Allied names Goldman Sachs on Carlsberg sale

JOHN SHEPHERD

Allied Domecq has appointed Goldman Sachs to advise on selling its half-share in Carlsberg Tetley, the UK's third-largest brewing group. The move is the latest in the consolidation of the brewing industry, following the £425m takeover of Courage by Scottish & Newcastle.

Whitbread, the fourth riggest, and Bass, which was displaced from top spot in the industry by the Courage takeover, are favourites to buy Allied out of Carlsberg Tetley.

Brewing is now at odds with Allied's strategy, which is focused on wines, spirits and retailing through pubs, Victoria Wine off-licences, Baskin Robbins ice cream parlours, and

Dunkin Donuts. Industry sources said Ailied was moving fast to try and exit the brewing venture, which has failed to live up to expectations since the deal with the Danish

Carlsberg group was consum-

mated three years ago. On 12 December, Allied loses its casting vote on the board, comprising an equal number of representatives from Carlsberg and Allied. Carisberg will be giv en the option to take up the casting vote, which it could use to hamper attempts by Allied to sell out to another brewer.

The brewing venture is far more important to Carlsberg than Allied, with more than a third of the Danish group's profits coming from the UK. Carlsberg, the fourth-biggest brewer in Europe and eighthsources to buy out its partner's half-share, but the move would be pointless unless it could secure an agreement to supply beer to Allied's 4,300 pubs.

Analysts believe Allied would to buy Allied out of the venture. drive a hard bargain on any supply agreement simply because it would be able to source beer easily, and cheaply, from an industry that can produce more

endowed with production capacity, operating out of six brewery sites in Northampton, Wrexham, Warrington, Burton, Leeds and Alloa in Scotland. One brewing analyst said one. possibly two, breweries would have to be closed before Allied could consider marketing its

share in Carlsberg Tetley. A source close to Carlsberg said that the Danes, who entered the UK market in 1868. "would fight at all costs" to stop Bass from coming on board. One of the biggest concerns is largest in the world, has the re- a clash of two top-selling, high strength lager brands, Bass's Tennent's Super and Carlsberg Special Brew. Whitbread which tried to buy Courage, is understood to be ready to make a bid

Allied declined to comment about the appointment of advisers from Goldman, A spokesman for Goldman said: We never comment on a client pints than it can possibly sell. assignment."

**CBI** looks to middle

Cortworth plans float Cortworth, the specialist engineering group, is planning to float on the London Stock Exchange this autumn. Samuel Montagu is sponsor, with James Capel as stockbroker. Cortworth was founded in December 1993 via a management buy-out of most of the specialist engineering division of Williams Holdings. Cortworth inside a profit of £6.4m last year on turnover of £58.3m.

only one company or advising tacked by some financial companies."

# business

### TODAY

Companies Moss Bros, owner of Savoy Taylors Guild, The Suit Company and Cecil Gee, continues to benefit from renewed interest in formal wear. Analysts expect half-time earnings in line with last year's record £1.9m. Interims: Ash & Lacy, Bright-stone, British Dredging, Chiroscience, Greenacre, Moss

Bros, Oasis, Stylo Finals: Anglesey Mining, Betacom, DCS, Groupe Chez Gerard, Melrose Energy, Ricardo

Annual meetings: Ashtead, Farepak, IAF, Victoria Carpet. EGMs: Alumase, Anglo Eastern Plantations, Forth Ports Economics:

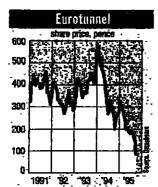
Today brings the first statisti-cal picture of how the British economy fared in September. The Purchasing Managers' Index has shown sharp drops in its price component in the past two months. There should be another fall in September. The growth rate of M0, the narrow money measure, will be closely scrutinised after a hint in the

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minutes of the late-July monetary meeting that the Chan-cellor and the Governor of the Bank of England were beginning to become concerned about the rapid expansion in the money supply. The Nationwide house price index will be published. Overseas, the National Association of Purchasing Managers Survey brings the first evidence on the US economy in September.

TOMORROW

Companies Profits from Manchester Unit-



ed are expected to rise sharply, helped by gains on the sale of players. United will confirm itself as Britain's most profitable football club and its prospects will be helped by the return to competitive play of Eric Castons who played year. Eric Cantona who played yes-terday for the first time since attacking a fan at Crystal Palace. Half-time profits are expected to approach £20m, from

£10.8m last year. Interims: Arcadian, Biocompatibles, Bloomsbury Publishing, Ibstock, Middlesex Holdings, Second Market Investment Trust, Silentnight Finals: James Halstead, Man-chester United, BBB Design, J Saville Gordon Annual meetings: None sched-

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deterioration in Britain's

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deficit. The expectation is a deficit of £1.1bn; trade with non-EU countries in July was £872m in the red. Bank of England statistics on consumer credit are expected to show a smaller increase in August than the £701m rise in July, partly because of a weather-re-lated drop in retail sales. But the underlying increase is like-



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ly to stay strong. The Halifax house price index, used to calculate housing costs in the

### RPL is due to be released. WEDNESDAY

### Companies

THE WEEK AHEAD

Hewden Stewart, the UK's largest plant-hire company, should show that it is continuing to prosper despite the dismal state of the British construction industry. Pre-tax profits are expected to jump by almost a quarter from £16.2m to £20m. Hewden has benefited from the problems experienced by smaller plant hirers but analysis expect growth to slow in the second balf.

Interims: Abtrust European Index, Austin Reed, Bank of Scotland, Blenheim, Global, Grampian Holdings, Hewden-Stewart, Hunting, Investment Trust of Jersey, Neill Clerk,

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papers Economics The IMF releases its annual forecasts for the world economy, as the annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank begin in Washington. US factory orders are likely to have re-bounded in August after a fall

### THURSDAY

### Companies

Meggitt, the aviation equip-ment designer, is expected to announce strategic plans for its six core businesses as it reports interim results. Uncertainty has dogged its share price.

The group should reap the benefits of a more focused collection of manufacturing businesses. Better news is also expected from the plastic fabricating division, which lost

f4.5m last year. A reduced pre-tax profit of £6.5m compared with £8.6m is forecast, with lower earnings per share of 1.9p versus 2.5p and a net dividend of 1.3p.

Interims: Barry Wehmiller, Brunel, Densitron, Hopkin-sons, TH Hughes, Meggitt. Schroder Split Fund, Wensum

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Industrial production and manufacturing output figures for August are expected to rise but year-on-year growth is likely to slow further. The puzzle over the divergence between weak official output figures and strong - although slowing - industry surveys has not yet been resolved. The Bundesbank Council meets. No change in key rates is expected.

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### Companies

Interim figures from Euro-tunnel will cast more light on the company's first full year of operation. It will also have the opportunity to give information on its negotiations with banks following the suspension of interest payments on £8bn of debt. Revenues in the first half were £104.5m against a forecast of over £500m for the full year. A loss for the period of up to £350m is expected.
Interims: BMSS, Chepstow Racecourse, Horace Clarkson.

Finals: Waterman Partnership Annual meetings: East German Investment Trust, PSIT EGMs: Wickes

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Economics: The key US employment report will be the focus of attention, the day ahead of a G7 meeting in Washington. The ex-pectation is the US labour market is losing momentum, so the rise in employment should be much lower than August's increase of 249,000.

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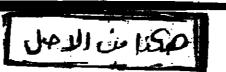
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# business



### **GAVYN DAVIES**

"While the Tories are focused exclusively on how to afford tax cuts. they may be headed straight for a massive electoral backlash centred on the state of the public services,"

The unilateral withdrawal by three top publishers from the Net Book Agreement last week

was reminiscent of that peculiar

brand of loyalty favoured by the

Conservative Party: fidelity to

the cause until all hope is lost,

than a rapid, efficient betrayal

All three - Penguin, Harper-

Collins and Random House -

were staunch supporters of the

near century-old price-fixing

scheme, which set a minimum

price for new books sold in the UK. It brought order to the

market, protected diversity, and

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But when the agreement

came under heavy fire from re-

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bility (and, not inconsequent-

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chairman of giant Random

House, probably would not care for the Tory link (Her hus-

hand, Philip Gould, is an adviser

to Tony Blair and author of the

notorious memorandum ques-

tioning Labour's fitness to gov-

ern.) But she is the very

personification of the industry's

ambivalence towards the col-

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porter, it was partly her

precipitous actions last week

that helped sound the agree-

ry, an independent publisher, in 1982, following a career that

ranged from small imprints to the paperback operations of

She became a millionaire when Century was bought by Random House in 1989, and

rose to the chairmanship fol-

lowing Mr Cheetham's highprofile departure a year later. She now runs a business with an annual turnover of £100m.

Privately owned by the Newhouse family of the US, the

company is "profitable" but reveals no financial figures. When

Ms Rebuck took over, the com-

pany was losing money - due.

she believed, to the huge num-

ber of books it published every

Bear Stearns's chairman, Allen

Greenberg, last week gave a lit-

tle reminder of the misery that

was Wall Street just a few

months ago. In the financial

year that ended 30 June, the

firm suffered a 38 per cent fall

in its net income, and whereas

Mr Greenberg's bonus a year

before was a handsome \$10.9m

(£6.8m), this time it slumped to

\$5.0m. Still a lot of money, but

So the shadow of 1994, when

virtually everyone was laving off

workers by the thousands and

bond trading suffered its worst

spell in 70 years, still lingers a

little. But almost every other

item of news coming from the

Street these days tells us that the

sunlight has started to return.

Even Salomon, beset both by

losses and an exodus of its top

a big cut none the less.

Ms Rebuck certainly knows the business. With Anthony Cheetham, she created Centu-

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Gail Rebuck, the 43-year old

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and a new direction.

# Fiscal navel-gazing may leave Labour nest-egg Gordon Brown's central objective as shadow chancellor has been to shed

Labour's image as a profligate party with an addiction to borrowing and debt. To his credit, he has prevented the usual build-up of halfbaked spending promises from shadow cabinet colleagues, each of which looks good to individual pressure groups, but taken together repel the electorate. This painstaking effort wins no short-term political spurs, but is essential if the electorate is ever again to entrust Labour with the reins of government.

Most economists have concluded there is no difference between the Labour and Tory fiscal objectives. But this is not necessarily true. Because the Conservative plans are so tight over the medium term, Labour might be able to loosen them a little while still having a credible fiscal framework.

Last year's Budget plans aimed to balance the Budget by 1998-99, and to tighten the un-derlying fiscal stance every year between now and then. Just because the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement has recently been exceeding the tough target set last year, the public debate (especially on the right of the lory Party) is missing the fact the Government intends to squeeze public services in real terms by about 1 per cent next year - a phenomenally tight objective. While the Tories are focused exclusively on how to "afford" tax cuts, they may be heading straight for a massive electoral backlash centred on the state of the public services. The Oxfordshire middle class revolt on the state of the schools might be the first of many outbreaks. If fully implemented - and admittedly that is a big "if" - these public spending objec-

tives would tighten the fiscal stance much

more than Labour's framework would re-

quire. Here is the arithmetic: Gordon Brown

she slashed output from 1,800

titles to about 1,200 annually, al-

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on everything, and we weren't

spreading ourselves too thin,'

she said in a rare, face-to-face

interview with the Independent

Atop the ugly Random

House fortress in London's un-

fashionable Vauxhall Bridge

Road, Ms Rebuck's office is

oddly comfortable: a deep sofa

lines one wall, across from a cof-

fee table groaning with books

late last week.

"We were able to spend more

reiterated vesterday that Labour's budgetary plans would have two separate objectives. First, over the economic cycle, the government would borrow no more than it was investing, so the "golden rule" of public finance would be fully observed. This, however, would place no upper limit on the PSBR per se. A high level of public investment would automatically justify an increased level of borrowing. So in order to overcome this concern, the shadow chancellor has also said he would seek to stabilise the ratio of public debt/GDP at a "prudent and sensible level". This latter objective would place an upper limit on the PSBR, probably at an average of about 2.5 per cent of GDP (£20bn)

in the course of the cycle. By coincidence, this PSBR objective is almost exactly equal to what the Conservatives have achieved in the past decade, a fact that has encouraged the conclusion that the fis-cal stance would not change much under Labour. But it is the future that matters. The key question is how the path for the PSBR on unchanged policies might compare with Labour's objectives. Table 1 makes this

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comparison. On present economic policies the PSBR would most likely drop from £270n this year to £18bn in 1996-97, and then down to zero by the end of the century. This path assumes the Government maintains its obiective of holding the growth in public spending to 1 per cent per annum in real terms, while the economy as a whole grows at about 2.75 per cent per annum. Although this may look draconian, it would in fact involve a slower reduction in borrowing than was planned by Kenneth Clarke last year. Consequently, if he chooses to stick to last year's targets (which is unlikely), he would need to raise an extra £5bn a year in the November Budget.

Labour, by contrast, would not seem to face the same dilemma. It would aim not for a budget surplus, but for a PSBR of 2.5 per cent of GDP when the economy is next at midcycle (i.e. when GDP is at trend). The key question is exactly when this will be. The econonly was last at trend in 1990; if we simply extrapolate the GDP trend line from that date onwards at the economy's long-term growth rate of 2.2 per cent per annum, we find that

GDP is unlikely to return to trend until 1998-99 at the earliest. So if Labour aims for a PSBR target of 2.5 per cent of GDP in that year, it could borrow about £16bn more than present plans imply.

This might look too good to be true, and

there are several ways in which this margin could shrink. First, an incoming Labour chancellor might decide that an easing in the underlying fiscal stance would be inappropriate for demand-management reasons. Table 2 shows what would happen if the next government left the underlying fiscal stance un-changed up to 1998-99, eliminating the large fiscal tightening planned by the Treasury. The PSBR target would need to be £15bn in 1998-99, instead of the £20bn sug-

for fiscal action from £16bn to £11bn. Second, the next chancellor might decide it is imprudent to assume GDP will be at trend only in 1998-99. There is some evidence the trend rate of growth in GDP may not have been as high as the usual 2.2 per cent per annum since 1990, because of a period of low

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gested by the golden rule and public debt re-

quirements. This would cut Labour's scope

der-investment. Just to be on the safe side, it might be wise to assume that trend GDP will be attained earlier than 1998-99. But for each year we bring the crucial date forward, Labour's scope for fiscal manoeuvre is cut by about £5bn.

Third, the plans bequeathed from the present government would of course be nothing more than figures written on pieces of paper - the intended tough control over pub-lic spending is just a promise. If Labour could not deliver the same tight control over the public sector as promised by the Tories (especially on public sector pay), the entire scope for fiscal action could be absorbed by spending overshoots.

Finally, of course, Mr Clarke may not be too keen on leaving a nice little nest egg for Mr Brown to spend. He may start to loosen the reins on public spending, or pre-announce a phased programme of tax cuts for the medium term, which would eliminate all of Labour's scope - and indeed leave Labour in serious difficulty with the PSBR if the econ-omy should hit an early recession.

At the moment, though, the Chancellor does not seem to be thinking in these terms. Instead, he seems determined to play the card of fiscal stringency, and is presumably ready to denounce the opposition if it should try Planned fiscal Tightening as tightening % of GDP to argue borrowing is being reduced too far. That may well be laudable from an economic point of view. But once Mr Clarke has set his budget targets for public spending in 1996-97, it will be difficult under the new control system subsequently to relax them. This looming crisis about the provision of public services should be the real focus of attention, not endless navel-gazing about the prospect of achieving modest tax cuts in November.

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And why shouldn't things be better? While rising interest rates spoiled the party in 1994. this year the rates scenario -

basically stable but on a down-number of smaller combinations ward trend - has been near perfect. Over-the-counter securities trading is booming, while investors continue to pour their money into US mutual funds at a record pace. And that's before considering the avalanche of merger and acquisition activity, led by the takeover bids for Capital Cities-ABC by Walt Disney, for CBS by Westinghouse and, most recently, for Turner Broadcasting by Time

with fusions by the handful, including that between Chase Manhattan and Chemical Bank. Indeed, according to a study published on Friday by Mergestat Review, a publication of the Los Angeles investment bank Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin, 1995 is set to become America's biggest takeover year in history. The third quarter alone produced deals worth a record \$125.2bn, up 55 per cent over the same quarter in

has also risen sharply.

Wall Street is enjoying the ride. Notable beneficiaries include CS First Boston, Goldman Sachs and above all, Morgan Stanley, which acted as adviser both in the Chemical-Chase deal and in Time Warner's \$7.5bn embrace of Turner.

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been attracting attention. Its revenues have been rising gradually while its stock value, like Morgan Stanley's, has taken off. Some of the market interest reflects speculation that Lehman may be ripe for takeover, per-

haps by a foreign institution anxious to get a decent foothold in America. Thought to be near the front of the queue of potential buyers are Union Bank of Switzerland, Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank.

In addition to the improved

conditions, many firms are benefiting from their efforts lastyear to cut costs, including the multiple redundancies. "The lay-offs have worked and are beginning to show through in the financials," says Michael Lipper. of Lipper Analytical in New York. He confirms that Wall Street is thriving again but voices caution. "I would say it is a good time, but not yet a boom time. There is still some pricing pressure and some excess capacity". So far there has been no sign of significant relating of any of the thousands who got

their pink slips last winter.

And while little change seems likely on rates in the near future, the months ahead may hold some other uncertainties. Mr Lipper is concerned, for example, that the onset of the presidential campaign may bring some of the trading volumes

Chatto & Windus, Century - on children's book range, since an independent basis, and by mid-September - the big recentralising the sales force, autailers found they could attract thors get the best of both additional custom by aggressive Until very recently, the NBA The trend was confirmed by ensured that the book publishthe deep discounting by supering environment was also quite markets such as Asda and stable. "A workable NBA Tesco, which stocked popular worked very well indeed for many years," she says. "But an unworkable NBA, which is the books only and sold them at half "Many of our customers wanted to start trading on a non-Net basis," Ms Rebuck situation we found ourselves in,

says. "Authors asked us why their titles weren't discounted and others were. We just couldn't sustain this half-way But a unilateral withdrawal was not the preferred route for Random House, she insists. We would have preferred an

industry consensus and an or-

derly withdrawal towards the end of the year." So why did she move only two days before a meeting sponsored by the NBA administrator, the Publishers Association, to discuss the agreement's fu-ture? "We could see there was no concensus forthcoming," Ms Rebuck says. "A number of

The collapse of the price-fixing system is creating a new world in agreement's collapse can be found among Britain's book publishers felt there was increasing pressure and that it was inevitable it was going to disinretailers. Allowed to discount titles published by companies tegrate. But they didn't want outside the NBA - Reed, since that, so they weren't going to do 1991, Hodder Headline since anything about it. We felt we late 1994 and even the BBC had to take decisive action."

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Her decision was made easier by WH Smith, the industry's largest customer, which told publishers it was preparing a massive promotional campaign at both Smith and at its highstreet chain, Waterstone's.

"A number of customers had come to us with what-if scenarios and contingency plans. The difference with the Smith-Waterstone's approach was the immensity of it and the fact they had worked it out in such a lot of detail."

The chief worry of publishers such as Random House is the prospect of a debilitating price war. The supermarkets have already declared they will remain the low-cost sellers of popular books. High street ops are likely to counter with special offers of their own - for example, cut-rate prices for this year's Booker titles, as well as special rates for bulk

The battle will mean great bargains at Christmas. But Ms Rebuck is concerned about the longer term, particularly the fate of independent bookshops. "We need to ensure quality, diversi-

ty and accessibility," she says. We must encourage independents to be resourceful, imaginative and entrepreneurial so they can compete with the bigger chains."

Random House is offering a "flexible" package to independents to encourage them to offer deals to their customers. "Flexibility" probably means lower wholesale prices for Random's books, but Ms Rebuck refuses to provide further details. The publisher is also believed to be campaigning for "firm" sales of books, rather than the current system under which retailers can return unsold stock

for credit. She predicts some failures in the independent sector ("regrettable") but believes the future of the book business remains bright. She dismisses the idea that new authors will have difficulty getting published, or that best-sellers will push aside more worthy titles.

Bookshops, however, will have to learn to market more effectively, providing more attractive sites, a wider range of services (coffee shops, CD-Roms for children to play), and personalised services. "It is a steep learning curve, she concedes. "But I am convinced that price alone is not go-

ing to sell books. **Mathew Horsman** 



Gail Rebuck: A workable Net Book Agreement worked well, but an unworkable NBA did not work at all

# Wall Street cashes in on merger

Warner. Merger mania in the media industry is almost being matched by the banking sector,

1994. So far this year the number of deals valued at \$1bn or

more is up 65 per cent, while the

Last Wednesday, Morgan Stanley revealed that its secondquarter earnings leaped 73 per cent over the same period last year. Investment banking revenue was up 68 per cent and trading revenue up 17 per cent. Not surprisingly, the stock value has soared 58 per cent since the beginning of this year. Lehman Brothers too has

down as investors and corpo rations consider what kind of policy changes various candidates might bring. "It is possible that as we begin to see the candidates we may become like deer in the headlights. It is a wonderful excuse to do noth-

Finally, there are others, aside from the investment bankers, who are making money in the merger binge. As the gossip from the Time Warner couriship of Turner surfaces, we learn, for example, that none other than Michael Milken, the ex-convict who, in theory, is banned from any securities-re lated businesses, is reportedly being paid a \$50m fee by his friend Ted Turner for advice rendered. Then there is the package that has been promised to Mr Turner himself, who, if the deal goes through, will become a vice president of Time Warner. His pay packet, according to the New York Times, has been set at over \$110m for the first five years - or somewhere around \$42 a minute. Eat your heart out, Mr Greenberg.

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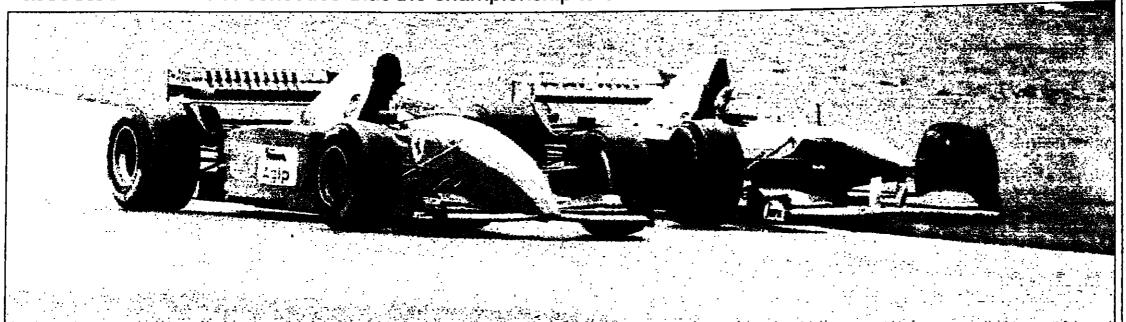
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MOTOR RACING: Hill concedes that the championship is over but looks forward to next season's challenge



Damon Hill runs out of room as he tries to find an inside line past the Ferrari of Jean Alesi before crashing out of the European Grand Prix yesterday

# Ecstatic Schumacher extends his lead

pursuit of his team-mate, David Coulthard, in third place. "I got

wide, on to the slippery bit, and

that was it," he said.

**Motor racing** 

DEREK ALLSOP reports from the Nürburgring,

Today the Ringmeister, some day later this month, master of Formula One again. Michael Schumacher produced one of his most majestic performances to seal Damon Hill's world championship fate for a second consecutive season.

Hill left his car and hopes crumpled in a heap of tyres, strolled to the edge of the track and acclaimed the winner of a scintillating Grand Prix of Europe, and conceded the title. As Schumacher, savouring his slowing-down lap, came into view the Englishman applauded and gave him the thumbs-up.

Schumacher leads by 27 points with only three races remaining. Fourth place in the Pacific Grand Prix, in three weeks' time, would be enough to con-firm his triumph. Hill, pushing in an honourable but forlorn bid to stay in the contest, lost control of his Williams-Renault

eight laps from the end of the championship challenge, found race. Little more than two laps himself locked in a familiar from the flag, Schumacher manoeuvred his Benetton-Renault past Jean Alesi's Ferrari and went on to claim his second vic-

tory of the year on home ground. Hill said: "I am not going to be world champion, but I will be back. I did everything I could. I don't feel I've disgraced my-self. I put up a good fight and it did not come out. The championship is over, really, but I live to fight another day.

"Michael drove a great race and won again in his home country. Hats off to the guy. He's a bloody good driver. I've no complaints this time."

Schumacher said: "Damon's gesture showed what I have said many times. The situation is difficult and we are not really friends, but we respect each other, and it is not a war. He accepts I won the race and almost the championship. I wanted to stop to pick him up but I couldn't, and it was too cold. I would have given him flu."

Hill, who required nothing less than a win to resuscitate his

rough and tumble with Schumacher and an equally aggres-sive confrontation with Alesi.

He survived a particularly harrowing moment with Schumacher but was not so fortunate as he attempted to overtake Alesi. The French-Sicilian declined to give way and had his front wing chopped off.

Repairs carried out, he was reduced to a damage limitation

introduction to drug-taking con-troversy as "a bit of a storm in

a teacup", writes Derek Allsop.

Rubens Barrichello, and the

Italian, Max Papis, admit they

expect to be tested positive af-

ter giving urine samples fol-lowing Friday's first qualifying

session for yesterday's Grand

Prix of Europe. (They and the

Two drivers, the Brazilian,

had to get past because I was losing time to Michael. It was a classic example of his knowing I was there and, if he'd given me room, I would have got

broiled in that argument again.

I'm happy with myself."

the strategy, like the driving, was impeccable. Alesi gambled on "I had to try and win. Second slick tyres for the start, suwas no good to me. I left no margin for error with Alesi. I perbly coaxing his machine through. But let's not get em-

along a still damp track, al-though unable in the early stages to threaten Coulthard, Schumacher and Hill. Coulthard, named as a McLaren-Mercedes driver for

two and Alesi's one, and again

1996 five hours before the race, tripped up again driving round

the Olympic list but if drivers

# Mosley dismisses drugs issue

Max Mosley, the president of Frenchman, Olivier Panis, were FIA, motor sport's governing selected by ballot).

Both explained they had had, for example, taken a cold remedy and the doctor was satcolds and were taking medicaisfied they had a cold, he might tion which contained banned substances. The results of analyses should be available within 10 days, but Mosley hinted it was unlikely the matter would be referred to FIA's world coun-

not even report it."

Formula One teams have agreed to limit qualifying to one day, instead of two, next season. Friday's practice will be unofficial. The change has been made to ensure a level playing. cil to consider possible penalfield and commit all the drivers ties because they were not performance-enhancing drugs. to an all-out effort for grid po-Mosley said: "We work from sitions in the one session.

Schumacher was eestatic. He made three pit stops to Hill's two and Alesi's one, and again to the spare car. Even so, he led until taking his turn in the queue to abandon wet tyres. Alesi took advantage, open-

ing a gap of 40 seconds at the head of the field. Hill, meanwhile, hounded Schumacher taking and then losing third place in a ferocious scrap. On the following lap they touched as Schumacher once more resisted.

Schumacher made a critically earlier stop than Hill, who lost valuable time endeavouring in vain to out-wit Alesi and they collided. Alesi said: "Maybe Damon had too much confidence, because it was not possible to overtake at this point."

Alesi, hampered by back markers and wayward at the

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Schumacher said: "It has to be one of my greatest races. I thought I used up my luck at Hockenheim but obviously not. In my wildest dreams I couldn't have expected to be 27 points ahead."

Rubens Barrichello (Jordan-Peugeot) was fourth, Johnny Herbert (Benetton-Renualt) fifth and Eddie Irvine (Jordan-Peugeot) sixth. A Pacific-Ford mechanic knocked over in a pit lane accident, was taken to hospital with two broken legs.

**EUROPEAN GP** 

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# Germany ammt hit back for sixth title

Hockey BILL COLWILL reports from Berlin

Germany won the Champions' Trophy for a sixth time yesterday when, in a fast and furious final, they clinched a penalty corner barrage by 4-2 against Australia after the game had finshed in a 2-2 draw,

Marthew Smith had given

lands 2-1 with goals from Alam Naveed and Mohammad Nad-

England twice came from After their 1-1 draw with

Kumar the opening goal.
Within three minutes England

England bounced back again with 18-year-old Mark Pearn scoring his first international goal with a superb reverse stick shot after a quickly taken free PONTERNAL hit from Takher. A few minutes later Pearn, with another reverse stick shot, nearly claimed victory but it was not to be and the game went into the penal-

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Results, Sporting Digest, page 24

# Clifton break hoodoo

PETER COLWILL

lpswich, Clifton and Hightown all won yesterday and lead the Premier Division of the Women's National League with maximum points after two

matches. Lucy Culliford scored the decisive goal for Chifton in their 2-1 win at Slough with seven minutes remaining to leave the champions pointless. Ros Gollop had fired Clifton into an earlead before Lesley Hobley. Slough's captain, equalised from a second-half penalty corner. This was Clifton's first win over Slough in nine league

matches. lpswich had to wait until the 48th minute for Jane Smith to open the scoring in their 2-1 victory at Doncaster. Debbie Rawlinson added the second from the penalty spot before Amanda Sowerby scored Doncaster's first Premier Division goal from a penalty corner with two min-

Leicester 2-1, trailed to a 39thminute goal from Kim Gordon before Tina Cullen and Yana Williams scored in quick succession 15 minutes from the end. In the First Division, Trojans followed their 6-0 hammering of Exmouth last week with a 3-0 win against Chelmsford, Kathryn James scoring twice af-

but they left it desperately late, Melanie Clewlow scoring the only goal from a last-minute. penalty corner against Wimbledon. Olton are the only Second Division team with maximum points following their 2-1 win at St Albans. Mandy Gatherer and Jo Reddy put the visitors ahead with first-half goals before Yvonne Ayshford pulled one goal back with a 40th-minute penalty stroke.

# Langer sees off Lane with wave of magic putter

TIM GLOVER reports from Co Kildare

has been blighted by recurring attacks of the "vips", a putting disease more damaging to a golfer than even molehills on a green, won the Smurfit European Open at the K Club yesterday with a couple of outrageous putts.

Back this man to win a tournament immediately following the Ryder Cup. Langer missed a short putt in the match against land four years ago, the putt that

After helping Europe to vic-

Europe, and a few days later ahead of Langer, kept his nose an eagle three. won the German Masters in a in front, getting to eight under

tory in Rochester last week, Langer won here in a play-off, beating Barry Lane at the second extra hole in an extraordinary climax. "I've been struggling with my putter the whole week," inger said. This is not quite true. He had a brilliant back nine in the third round and yesterday came home in 33 to force a sudden-death finale.

stroke ahead of the Frenchman a birdie at the 15th where he rolled in a putt from about 20 feet. On overseeded greens, this was as good, or as lucky, a putt as you are going to get. Un-

him, got to the 18th. The hole is called The Hooker's Graveyard, for the very simple reason that there is water left of the green. It is a classic finishing hole, a classic par five of 518 yards.

til Langer, two groups ahead of

hit driver, five-wood and rolled

perform what looked like an Irish jig on the green. On display by the 18th was the Ryder Cup and the adrenalin of most the Oak Hill heroes was clearly still flowing as strongly as the Liffey. Lane would have heard the roar from the crowd that greeted the German eagle and what the Englishman needed at the last was a birdie. Instead he missed the green to the

right with his approach shot, left his chip about 20 feet short and Fabrice Tarnaud and three in a putt from around 70 feet for his putt an inch wide of the hole. Lane, who missed a tiny putt That elevated Langer to eight at the 18th on Saturday, had a

or a roi pared to Langer's 68, the lowest score of a difficult day. In the play-off they returned to the 18th and both got birdie fours although Langer's was not with-out drama. His approach shot, aimed at the flag which was situated precariously near the lake, came to rest a matter of inches from the water.

They resumed the duel at the 10th where Lane missed, only

The stage was left to Langer and his putt for a three found the middle of the hole from 22 feet. He won £108,330 to move to third has a chance, with the German Masters coming up this week, of overtaking Colin Montgomerie and Sam Torrance on the autobahn. Monty, who finished joint third here, crept past Torrance. The Scotsman with the colourful sweaters is now £980 in front of the Scot with the moustache and the broomstick putter. Vivaldi would have been at

home here vesterday afternoon

ty Kildare in one fell swoop: showers, sunshine, a blustery, cold wind and brilliant autumn colours. It is doubtful, however, 16th hole. It is a par four of 395 yards with water, water everywhere. Sandy Lyle got a quadruple bogey eight there after hitting it into the water twice and followed that with two birdies to come home in 41 in a round of 76. The Irishman Raymond Burns also came to grief at the 16th, going into the water four times and finishing with a 10. Scores, Sporting Digest, page 24

as the four seasons visited Coun-

# Hardaker heads list of hopefuls

Badminton JAMES LEIGH

England's successes against China during their six match tour have been encouraging the home manager, Čiro Ciniglio, to feel he can hand over to his successor next summer with the most promising squad for several years. The home country went into

series at St Austell with another new teenage hopeful. Sarah Hardaker, to add to those who did so well in the 4-1 victory at Boston on Friday.

That success put England
2-1 ahead in the series with

last night's fourth match of the

three matches to play and Ciniglio now believes that several of the dozen or so youngsters knocking on the door may make international standard

Gail Emms made highly encouraging winning debuts and the former England No 1, Joanne Muggeridge, looked a new player after having lost two

Peter Bush also won well at Boston, and the debutant Mark Constable showed promise in defeat at Gateshead on Thursday, creating hopes that England's dearth of good-class singles players will not continue too much longer. If so, the future may be tough for the likes of the out-of-favour national champion, Anders Nielsen, and the former national runner-up, Peter Knowles, but much bet ter for the former national champion, Steve Baddeley, who returns from Switzerland after the Olympic Games to take over the difficult managerial position

# Tigers maul Sharks

**Basketball** 

**DUNCAN HOOPER** 

Thames Valley Tigers knocked a hole in Sheffield Sharks' defence of their Budweiser League title with a 77-69 win at Bracknell on Saturday night, but have lost out in the chase to sign the 6ft 9in England international, Trevor Gordon.

Gordon, who has not played for Manchester Giants since the escalation of a pre-season dispute, is set to join Derby Storm. one of his former clubs, after also listening to offers from the

Tigers and Birmingham Bullets. He said: "Derby have a new organisation and are building a new arena and I have friends and family in the area. They need a big player and that's my

job. I just want to get back to playing as soon as possible." Tigers also need a big player despite their victory against Sheffield, who they caught on

the rebound from their European Clubs Championship second round first leg defeat against Real Madrid. Thames Valley's coach, Mick Bett, said: "We played with a lot of aggression and intensity and showed what we could achieve with an extra player giving us a scoring threat inside." Tony

Holley, who has shouldered

the big man role since Neville Austin's move to London, led

their scorers with 18 points. BUOWEISER LEAGUE: Thames Valley 77 Sheffield G9; Doncaster 84 Worthing 79; Leopards 77 London Yowers 91 7-UP TROPHY: Newcastle 74 Doncaster 84; Derby 97 Chester 86; Chester 87 Lecester 86.

# **England lose Connolly for World Cup**

Rugby League

The most exhausting week of Phil Larder's coaching career came to a nail-biting climax yesterday with Keighley losing

their 100 per cent record but clinging to the leadership of the First Division. The Keighley and England mentor was still digesting the news that Wigan's Gary Con-nolly, pencilled in as England's full-back, was in hospital with pneumonia and will miss the

first match of the World Cup

against Australia at Wembley on England hat on to have seen the Saturday and probably the

Brian Pickup, the Wigan chief executive, said: "He is being treated for pneumonia. Graeme West (the club coach) took Gary to hospital on Friday and he is expected out of hospital on Monday. His World Cup hopes must be counted as slim and he faces an uphili battle."

match as thrilling as anything that will be seen anywhere this season saw doubts raised over Daryl Powell, who picked up a

prospects no good, Larder will

thumb injury.
While it did his club's have been more pleased with his

way Andy Platt led the Widnes arge in the second half. The home side, eight points down at the break, seemed to have lost their chance of fighting back when they had

Brett Plowman sin-binned and David Hulme sent off for a lunge at Powell. Discipline was Widnes' weakness throughout and with Simon On top of that, the end of a Irving adding two more pen-atch as thrilling as anything alties to stretch their lead to 12,

Keighley's greater composure looked increasingly crucial. But another of Larder's England squad, Steve McCurrie powered his way over and Paul Gartland's goal put Widnes

scored when his chip kick eluded Keith Dixon, put Widnes into the lead, but the Cougars, urged on as ever by their wonderful travelling sup-port, seemed to have snatched back four minutes from time. Yet another England man, Nick Pinkney, made his mark with a long run and Irving drew

conversion of his own try,

delaying a tap restart.

the defence for the former Widnes player, Andy Eyres, to By then, Widnes were once

more down to 11 men, Christian Tyrer going to the sin bin for Despite their self-inflicted handicaps, they still managed to

emerge from the game. Paul Atcheson, Oldham's full-back,

meets up with the Weish World

played on the wing for Leeds, finished with a sore back and

Cup squad tonight hoping a

Wildness: Ruene; Devereux, Thomsey, Wright, Green; Tyre, D Hutme; Harsen, Gartland, Piett, Phulme, Powman (Collier, 55; Plowman, 67), McCurrie. Keigaley: Stoop (Doon, 12); Eyes, Pinkney, Iwing Critchley: Powel. Robinson; Gately (Tu-pase, 62; Gately, 72), Ramshaw, Doorey, Reany, Larder, Wood. Keighley's Andre Stoop is to

of injury time, McCurrie's kick

Robinson offside and Gartland

landing the equaliser.
After this, Larder will be

glad to put up his feet amid the relative calm of the World

A Gartland penalty and a strike back in the second minut

have an operation on his knee today that will keep him out of South Africa's World Cup

pull but both are expected to be Full-back Paul Hauff grabbed four tries as London Broncos continued their revival with a 44-6 demolition of Workington. Terry Matterson, another player signed from London's parent club, Brisbane, celebrated his debut - and appointment as captain - with a

try and six goals.

ter Monica Suter had given

Swinton (10) 44. West Hull (10) 20. Swin-tons Tries Asharoft 2, Humphries 2, P Bar-row, Briett, Carnor, Rosch; Goets Shiked 6. West Hull: Tries Fart, Lumb, Newlows; Goets Lumb 4. (500) York (S) 24, Pta (16) 22 York Tries Ball, Kachener, Laurenco: Goele Precious 6, Pta Tries Torreilles 2, Briol, Fages; Goale Tor-reilles 3, US31) (played Sourcles)

# Newlove proves fitness as Iro displays readiness

Paul Newlove more than proved

Stones Centenary Championship

ROUND-UP

his fitness for the upcoming World Cup with a hat-trick as Bradford registered a comfortable 34-18 win against Sheffield in the Stones Centenary Championship. Back in action after missing two games with a hamstring injury, he made his

Littellian programmer Streetfield (4) 18. Breefford: (20) 34. Streffield (4) 18. Breefford: Tries Newtone 3, Fox, Hall, Paul, Scales; Goals Fox 3. Shoffaeld: Tries Carr 2, Senior, Sodje; Goals Aston. (4,254)

Leaden Broncos (26) 44, Workington (4) 8. London Broncos: Tries Hauff 4, Butt. Cochrane, Matterson, Resolen; Goals Met-terson 6. Workington: Tries McGmy, Pen-

Oldham (2) 14, Leeds (12) 43, Oldham: Was till Lord: Goals Makeney 3 Leader Theo

els Maloney 3. Leede: Tries mon, Irmes. Iro. Scholleki, 7: Drop Scholleki, (3,782)

mark with a superb individual try from 40 yards which gave the Bulls a 14-4 first-half lead. Later, he swooped twice to touch down kicks to the line by Deryck Fox and he might well have had a fourth try in the closing stages but unselfishly passed

Gerald Cordle, who was

Leeds signed off for the

touch as he crossed the line.

First Division

World Cup break by staying on the heels of leaders Wigan at the top of table. They ran in seven tries against injury-hit Oldham with the Kiwi centre, Kevin Iro, warming up for the World Cup by producing a devastating then adjudged to have gone into

hamstring injury, which forced him off with 15 minutes re-maining, will not prove serious. England's Paul Cook, who display of powerful running. He scored only once in the 43-14 victory but had a hand in sevtheir Tongan prop, George Mann, had a slight hamstring eral other tries. Some injury problems did

Regal Trophy first round Seriow (12) 29, Park Ameteurs (8) 11

Bramiey (8) 20, Woolston (12) 1.7. Bram-ley: Tries Pickles 2, Francis: Goals Creaser 4, Woolston: Tries Jude, Kelly, Wallington; Boals Wallington 2; Drop Smith. (400) Chorley: (36) 92, Nottingham (0) 0. Chorley: Tries Hoden 4, Sean Melling 3, Ber 2, Bretherton 2, Hetcher 2, M Wak-er 2, Barnes, Parker, Smith: Gaste Smith 140, 1458.

Highfield (24) 48, Hernel Hempetend (12) 18. Highfield: Tries Farning 2, Barns, Prod-starn, Graham Holden, Gary Holden, John-son, Lawerson, Lawer, Goods Farning 5, Johnson, Hensel Hempetend: Tries Cares, Edwards, Ward; Goels Golshek 3, (220) Hulli KR (40) 72, Blackpool (0) 6. Hulli KR: Titles Attiris 2, Plange 2, C Brown, Everitt, D Harrison, C Harrison, Hoe, Leighton, Scott,

Stawart, Whiteler; Goals Eastwood 6, M Fletcher 4, Blackpool: Try Fletcher; Goal Johnson, (1,087) Hunslet (34) 34, Eller Hunslet: Tries Richards

Leigh (10) 16, St Estève (10) 19, Leigh Tries Dones, Lier Goals Wildrson 3, Device. St Estève Tries A Carvello, P Charnonn, J Garcia, Sans; Goals S Charnonn; Drop Phed-imu, (1,500) (played Saturday)

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utes remaining. Hightown who beat Balsam

them a second-minute lead Canterbury are the only other side with maximum points,

Australia the interval lead but second-half goals from Patrick Bellenbaum and Christoph Bechmann put the Germans in control until with two minutes remaining, the Australian cap-tain, Mark Hager, equalised. The world champions. Pak-istan, had to settle for the bronze, beating the Nether-

eem after Remco van Wijk had put the Dutch ahead in the second minute. behind against India, to draw? with the eight-times Olympic

champions only to lose the penalty shoot out 6-5 as the Indian reserve goalkeeper, Subbaiah Anjaparavanda, dived to tip Chris Mayer's stroke clear. Australia on Saturday in their final pool game, England had gone into the game against In-dia with confidence but had to concede an early goal as a casual pass from Kalbir Takher was ounished by Dhanraj Pillay, who raced 40 yards to give Mukesh

were on terms, Calum Giles scoring from England's first penalty corner. With England reduced to 10 men following the temporary suspension of Mayer. India regained the lead six minutes into the second half, Anil Aldrin striking home their first corner.

ty barrage.

# Lammtarra joins the greats

RICHARD EDMONDSON reports from Longchamp

WHEN they talk about the great horses. Lammtarra will now have to be included. Ribot, Mill Reef and Nijinsky can expect a new companion in the pantheon following yesterday's historic Prix de l'Arc de Tri-

It will be something of a family reunion as Lammtarra, the most inexperienced horse ever to win an Arc, triumphed in Paris 25 years to the day after his father, Nijinsky, surrendered an unbeaten record. As the chestnut colt completed the mighty trinity of the Derby, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes and Arc there was the reminder of another, more poignant, anniversary. It was 12 months ago this weekend that Alex Scott, Lammtarra's first trainer, was shot dead in Newmarket.

Lammtarra's life, in a competitive sense anyway, may also be sadly short-lived. He is now on course for the Breeders' Cup Turf, which will be the fifth, and almost certainly last, assignment of his twinkling career. On the road to the pantheon he will reside, pleasurably, and pass on his seed of greatness, in either Newmarket or Kentucky.

Lammtarra's snapshot and brilliant career was not even a dream in the spring. As he wintered in Dubai with his Godolphin workmates the sustenance brought to him was not hay and oats but rather grapes and fruit as he recovered from a lifethreatening respiratory illness. "He was almost dead," Sheikh Mohammed, the head of Godolphin, said yesterday. "He must be one of the greats to come through that sickness and do this."

This core of steel is what Lammtarra will be remembered for. There have been

horses and horses with greater charisma, but for competitive strength at the highest level he has no peer.

Godolphin knew this and Lammtarra's greatest asset was never going to be underplayed yesterday. Lanfranco Dettori pushed his mount into a challenging position from the outset, just in behind the pace-making Luso. The latter's partner, Cash Asmussen, apologised for not carrying the field along for longer as Lammtarra swept to the head of affairs over half a mile out.

In the straight, Lammtarra was under the whip but this was a manoeuvre of encouragement rather than desperation. The hawks launched from behind, but only Freedom Cry got to the leader's burnished withers and this galvanised rather than discouraged Lammtarra. By the time Dettori raised himself in celebration out of the saddle he had three-quarters of a length to spare.

Of the other British runners Balanchine finished 10th on almost certainly her last appearance, Luso 13th and Strategic Choice 14th Last year's winner, Carnegie was sixth.

Walter Swinburn, who lost the ride on Lammtarra after winning the Derby, said Balanchine was never travelling well but saluted his former partner. "I was always fighting a losing battle on Balanchine he said. "All my emotions about Lammtarra went away back in July. Now I am thrilled for the horse.

"I had reservations about the ground, but he has come into this race with a better preparation than he had for the Derby and King George."

This was posted as a British win, the first in the Arc since Carroll House in 1989, but the detail did not bear scrutiny. Lamintarra, an American-bred horse, is owned by a Dubaian. trained by a Dubaian (Saced faster horses, more flamboyant Bin Suroor) and ridden by an



Lanfranco Dettori puts his head to 'the lion's' mouth to celebrate their Arc triumph

Italian. The reception for his victory was not typically British as Dettori blew kisses to a crowd in full Continental roar.

The noisy peak came when the jockey executed his now familiar circus exit from the saddle. It was hardly typically Dubaian, either, as Sheikh Mohammed embraced Dettori in an uncommon display of plea-

first time in my life," the jock-ey said before disproving his initial statement. This horse is a lion. He is so tough and hard and he does not want to lose. He has been a little bit immature but now he stays, he gallops, and he fights."

Simon Crisford, the Godolphin racing manager, added: He has to be some horse. He

"I am stuck for words for the had to show great courage to overcome his illness and to undergo such a hasty preparation for the Derby. He was more immature then, like a little schoolboy, but now he is the ultimate racing machine."

The machine, sadly, will be switched on just one more time, it appears. Belmont Park in a month's time is likely to be the

Photograph: Globenet

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	7. Partiorat: 8. Guntoat Diolomacy: 9. Car
:	ling 10. Balanchine; 11. El Tenor, 12. Tot Or Tero; 13. Luso; 14. Strategic Choice; 15. E
•	Sembrador; 16. Sunrise Song.
ı	16 rest. 34, 2, 11/2, 21/2, 1/2. (Winner trained
;	by Seeed Bin Suroor, at Newmarket, for Godol phin). Parl-mutuset: 3.10; 2.20, 3.90,4.10

# **English Rose** maintains the **Abbaye habit**

Hever Golf Rose is likely to join Lammtarra at Behnont Park after extending the winning run of British and Irish horses in the Prix de l'Abbaye to 17 years. It was the eighth success this year for Hever Golf Rose - a postwar record for a British-trained filly or mare aged four or more

– and if she wins the Breeders' Cup Sprint she will have posted victories in six different

countries since May. The filly, who is trained by Joe Naughton at Epsom, took over the lead from just after balf-way, defeating Cherokee Rose by 21/2 lengths, with the Henry Candy-trained Eveningperformance a neck away in

Naughton will now seriouscontemplate a tilt at the Breeders' Cup Sprint. "We'll have a drink over it but I've no qualms about America," he aid. "She keeps on improving despite having endured a very

In the Prix Marcel Boussac, Henry Cecil's Solar Crystal tried to make nearly all the running and still plugged on gamely into third place behind Miss Tahiti and Shake The Yoke. The first two were swapping finishing positions from the Prix d'Aumale two weeks ago, but still looked strong prospects for next year's Classics. And, on a day when comparisons with the greatest thoroughbreds were regularly invoked, Miss · Tahiti sparked recollections of Allez France, who took this race in the same Daniel Wildenstein colours in 1972 on the way to winning the Arc two vears later.

But following Saturday's successes, when the French were unable to prevent the Prix Dollar and Prix de Royallieu being exported to Newmarket and the Curragh respectively, there was further success for the visitors John Oxx, the trainer of Russian Snows, struck again in Prix de l'Opera with Timarida. With Ridgewood Pearl also advertising his skills with Group One wins at Ascot and Longchamp this year, Oxx has at last made the transition to the international stage.

For, Jason Weaver, Hever Golf Rose's rider, the expectation of a first Longchamp win had come to nothing 24 hours earlier when Double Trigger had proved unable to translate his position as favourite into success in the Prix du Cadran. The defeat has thrown into

doubt Double Trigger's participation in the Melbourne Cup, RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Far Ahead (Pontefract 4.45)

NB: Bold Choice

(Fontwell 3.30)

for which he is also favourite. The horse will go into quarantine for that race today and his trainer, Mark Johnston, must decide quickly whether is is worthwhile sending his charge on the marathon trip. "We have to get flights booked so we will have to move pretty quickly," he said yesterday.

Immediately after Saturday's race Johnston was critical of Weaver, whom he felt should have quickened the tempo earlier. "I didn't want it to be a real slog, but with hindsight perhaps it should have been," he said.

Yesterday he added: "I've watched the video of the race several times and they didn't start racing until the last four furlongs.
"I intend exploring every av-

enue before pulling him out of Melbourne. After all, he is still the best horse entered."

### PONTEFRACT

2.15 Warbrook 2.45 DEERLY (nap) 3.15 Colosse

4.45 Far Ahead 5.15 La Alia Wa Asa

GOUNG: Good to First. STALLS: 2m If - centre; remainder - inside DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 6f & 1m. IL-Ri-berd, cachilating course.

II Course is I'm NW of town on A639. Forcefract (Moukhill) station I'm; Tanahelf station adjoint course. ADMISSION: Club \$12; Paddock \$7; Silver Ring \$3. GAR PARE: Third Ring, car with four occupants, \$5, plus \$1.50 at turnsition; remainder free.

SIS Al races ELEADING TRAINERS WITH HUNNERS; Mrs J Ramaden — 29 winners from 162 runners gives a surcess ratio of 17.9% and a loss to a £1 level stake of £5.51; Mrs M Reveley — 22 winners, 110 runners, 20.9%, +£0.45; E fiolihishead — 31 winners, 182 runners, 10.9%, -£78.86; H Cecil — 15 winners, 35 runners, 42.9%, +£1.43. runners, 10.9%, 5.78.86; H Cecli — 16 winners, 35 runners, 42.9%, +514.13.

ILEADING NOUNETS: K Fallon — 29 winners, 165 rides, 17.6%, +5102.38; L Dectori — 24 winners, 113 rides, 21.2%, +53.27; K Darley — 21 winners, 193 rides, 10.9%, -581.74; W Eyan — 18 winners, 85 rides, 20.6%, -521.30.

SLINKERED FIRST TIME: Vern's Print (2.45); Margaeride Bay (view), Rosebarry Ray (4.45).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nonc.

LONG-DISTANCE KUNNERS: Twer Loader (3.45) has been sent 249 miles by R Buckler from Mchplash, Dorse; Marce Magnifles (5.15), Bremon (3.45) & True Ballad (4.45) sent 241 miles by T Dyer from invergeneric, Dyside.

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_	T2	2YO 1m 2f Penalty Value £4,260
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•	70	RENUTION (USA) (427) (T F Hares) H Cast 90
ĭ.	_	DOUBLE DASH (The Middleham Partnersho) M Johnston 9 D
Ξ	05	Machiner Pitter (25) AV J Godoù C Butan 90
Ř	80	NO MORE BASSLE (5) (The No Hassie Pertnership) Mrs M Reveloy 9 0
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6		SERETRIAN HENRY IC S Tateson B Smart 9 0R Cochrane 7
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After Double Edigate's debut with last season the dys immediately drops on the stable's Double Dests, a half-brother to a mile juvenile withmer in Ireland. Warthcook is nailed on to reliab that trop after staying on strongly against Versishing Point in a nursery (1m) here 11 days ago. Staying provide had also been seen at Sandown so Wasthrook will be herd to best affective facility in the provided our staying son who plugged on against a deport in Lucs Current's House Of Riches those at Redoor rane days ago with newcorner Tissue Of Lies shaping well in stath. But the plass fample is Henry Cacil's BENATION, by a high-class Armancan stayer and a cold sures to appreciate this test after a pleasing enough first run at Kempton (77) behind Britishni Red.

2.45 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,400 added 2YO 8f Penalty Value £3,756 

001300	RICAPOL (14) 40 Bel) M Rem 9 0	K Balvd (5) 12
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	WEETHINGS WEIGH (41) (Ed Weetman Lid) R Hollmahand 8 13	
	POLISH SAGA (SI) IJ A Wynn Williams; Nr Dock 8 12	
	DURALOCK FENCER (15) (Duralock (15) Ltd) P Murphy 8 11	
1046	DENCING MANGOW (37) (B S Adamsos) M Carracto 8 10	L Chemock 1
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000	BURG 1249 Floredon At Malabamy N Garbara 8.8	
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BETTENE: 5-1 Dearly, 5-1 Opening Chartes, 9-1 Weeksmark Weigh, 10-1 Vaza's First, Rapid Liner, Gold on Fond, 12-1 others.

John Dunlop's horses have been going well in russeries and imprecable had a feel of the track 11 days ago when leading before facing in Stetchbook's race. I'm sure there's a nussery in Dearly, who pinged home in a selier on her debut at Leicester. She has yet to click in three nursenes but they were stronger races and her letter showing behand the strongly incided Consortino at Yarmouth (7th suggested the return to this six farings would help. But a booking to take note of is Ray Cochrane for RAPID LIMER, who has displayed pace in mandens. Bolden Pond looks the likely leader after running fast in a Redour nursery (7th last time. John Dunlop won that race with Samim from Consortino so Golden Pond's Youth (The Butterwick Kitch held gives her a line chance over this shorter trip. The blinkers are on Vern's First, after a seller defeat at Lingfield. Ignore that poor nur and she has a blinding chance to add to the stabile's nursery win here secently with Vernisting Point on her outings in better nurseries at Goodwood and Kempton. The extra furiong may help Opening Charus, who was bestern only four langths when seventh of 1.7 to Sympton Dream at Redock. Middle East, a debut winner at Redom when heavily backed, drops to a wester nursery after Redock and Openicster, but Baller (well drawn at Santiown last time) and Burly (a close seventh at Goodwood to Astud) might just have been fisttered by those rurs.

3.15 PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (FINAL ROUND) (CLASS E) £4,500 1m 4f Penalty Value £3,149
1 50521 TURNPOLE (58) (W.) Williams) Mrs. M. Ramby 4 10 0
2 521805 ADMENALS SECRET (USA) (LIG) (CD) (B RATS) CWA 6911P Clarke (5) 10
3 145105 MAD MELTENT (11) (D) (K Nichola) A Specter 6 9 11 D Donby 11
4 3225-00 SECRET SERVICE (17)   Harson   J Harson 3 9 8
5 20,000-0 EXPRESS GEFT (30) (C) (M W Homes, H Young, and D S Assold) Mas M Reselvy 5 9 8
X Presidengest (7) 2
B 0062-40 MARCO MAGNETICO (USA) (127) (S Buce) T Dyer 5 9 3
7 630000 VIN ST ROOLA (S) (D C G Cooper) M Chaptrain 3 9 3C Scally 7
8 350000 WINN'S PRIDE (77) Blue W.L. Badeyl R. Hollenshawi 48 9
9 020232 COLOSSE (B) (Diamond Racing Ltd) J L Byre 3.89
10 401501 CANTON VENTURE (16) (0) (0) Frank S # Chao) S Woods 3 8 9 Moon (7) 13
11 6-01440 ON A PEDESTRI, (3d) (0) (Harry Reshwards) Mrs. J. Ramaden 3 8 6
12 404060 MODEST HOPE (2) (CD BP) (I Makkensyron) B Rehmond 8 8 4
13 211365 INSTRUMENTAL (10) (10) (10) (10) (10) (10) (10) (10)
14 O/40200- ALTORY (404) (Man Earlin) E Alson 4 8 4 B Halligan (5) 8
15 066000 FAJE AND FANCY (FR) (336) (Fon S Motors) D Nicholis 4 8 2
16 410342 WOTTASHAMMES 25 (0) (Deam On Rucing Partnersha) I. Montague Hall 4 3 2 A Daily 5
17 550034 ACHILLES HEEL (7) (D) (Four J's Syndicate) C Allen 4.8 1
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2 6200-31. ROBERTY LEA (180) (CD) (Westchile Const. Ltd) Mrs M Reveloy 7 10 0K Director 8
3 6100(2-0 PAVE TO SEVEN (19) (Five to Seven Partnersho) C Thornton 6 9 10 D Paves (3) 10
4 45-2101 BECHCARLOCH (122) (D) (F J Center) J Fing 6 9 9
5 120112 MRODESSA (1/9 (BF) (R W.S. Jeson) Mrs M Reveloy 9 9 9
6 453416 BBUMON (17) (Mile Flynn) T Dyer 4 9 5 M Fenton 6
7 00-2411 UNCHANGED (12) (M ) Smmonds) C Britain 3 9 4
8 535 REEM DUBAI (33) (Shekir Ahmed Al Maktourn) J Gosten 3 9 4L Deltari 2
9 5060 OUR MES (5) (KJ Bucherer) G Haswood 3 8 11
10 143353 HARRY WELSH (149) (long Vesceld K McAuliffe 3 8 7
11. 620230- ALCANY BLUE (306) (Rymeld Thomographed Co Ltd) M Hammond 4.8.5D R McCabe (3) 9
12 O41100 YOP PROZE (17) (Northgate Lodge Record Ltd) M Britain 7 8 0
13 6230-00 CROWTHER HOMES (5) GAs Stells Barder) E Alston 5 8 0T Williams 7
14 033-005 MOONSHIME DANCER (16) (Peter Colquiroum) Mrs M: Reveloy 5 7 13
15 00900/0 TOUR LEADER (KZ) (18) (Peter Jones) R Buckler 6 7 12
18 080311. GREEK NIGHT OUT (16) (Surpak Polatost) J L Eye 4 7 9

17 214220 (MRAM SPRM (17) (Manna West) J. L. Byre 4 7 7
18 0-6233 (MRAM SPRM (18) (Mr. Petrole M Rainau) M Romplans 3 7 7
19 0-61230 (POUS. OF PRIDE (15) (J. A Morgan) R Mollinshed 3 7 7
20 340422 (MRAM (40) (Dun Enoco Incles) Don Entrol Inces 7 7 7 Minimum weight: 7st 7th. True handicap weight: Fools (If Phile St. 13th, Don't Cry St. Stb.
BETTRIC: 5-1 Roberty Lee, 6-1 Inchesitech, 7-1 Unchanged, 8-1 Brodesse, 10-1 Panel
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Formit cutific Petron indes REEM DUBAL for the first time and the filly could be anything at the trap other her maiden runs. There is every hope for her with the dam being a half-sater to Archoss. The more exposed filly Unchanged rates a danger to them all after improved runs to win at Follestone and Chester. She is on the upgrade and is just 3th higher for beating French by and Fridegen at Chester. Exchanged on these bestern French by whose at Both this season and comes out 5th better than Unchanged on these aems, though the younger filly has the scope for improvement. It will take all of Richard Hugher's stall to get Paradise Newy home under the 1.0st, write the same burden assis Robertly Lee a task on his first start since besting Noufari here in April. Stablemate Brodesea has been winning sellers and claimers and is better off after oearing both Fools Of Pride and Top Prize at Beverley in August.

Selection: REEM DUBAL

4	.15	BUCCOO REEF CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) 3YO 6f Penalty Value £3,231	£3,650 added
1	0-54000	THECK AS THEVES (24) (D) (Mrs R Hague) Ronald Thomoson 8 11_	S D Williams 10
2		PANCASY RACING (4) (D) (Aldroige Racing Limited) M Channon 8 9	
3	111403	DELICATION DAMEN (14) (CD) (KT hory) K hory 8 8	C Scally (7) 18
4		ROCHICRACKER (181) (D) Gruper Hambol R Charles 8 8	
5		COOL TACTICIAN (18) (D) (J D Graheme R Hollinshead 8 7	
6		JULIY HONEY (20) DAIS V McGeough) J Wharton 8 6	
7	366120	SECOND CELLO (20) (Nes Tim Hands) D Morse 8 6	
8		SYLVANDRA (21) (D) (Mrs Pat Whett) P Musphy 8 6	
9		SANT AMEGO (21) (E Richmond) / L Eyra 8 5	
10		KOMBANANTE (1825 DAYS Zoe Grant) S Bowner 8 4	
11	050500	NOOR EL BOUDAH (21) (D) (Bacheer Kielery) J Berry 8 3	Carroll 14
12	340400	RUSSIAN HEROINE (32) (The Kravesonic Partnershot M Johnston 8 2	T WEEner 6
13	941000	PENNY'S WISHING (14) (D) (K Pennington) J Leigh 8 0	P Feetery (5) 2
14	04200	MENER SUCH BLISS (110) (Cond States) J Bathal 7 13	W Carson 11
15	221530	ROSA BONG (24) (D) (Mrs Misry Taylor) M Jarvis 7 13	N Varley (3) 12
16	040000	ROTHERFIELD PASK (14) (Mass Rose Deart) C Smith 7 13	
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FORM GUIDE

Roger Charlton couldn't be in better form and has a rare numer on the course with ROCK-CRACKER, who will be fresh after the break since AONI. He saw off all except Lennox Lewis in a numery sk Kempton and the pace was there again at Normgham last time in Debase's hendicap. Fanatassy Raicing is back in her right grade after humping big weights in hendicaps, though she was even good enough to win a handicap at Brighton in August whom giving a stone to Pornsier. Delight Of Deway will have a following after her claimer wins and third to Arabo at Leicester but also looks better over seven fusions. Second Callo has won tor Lantinanco Detion and the fifty did well afterwards egainet Culpurse Moll at Yarmouth (77). She showed speed over this shorter by at Nottingham and will be banging away at the firsh sodey. Rossian Heroline is the fifty suited by the weights — she was rated 3to higher then Samah at York — and her forceful style suggests she will not be toubled by this return to six furioning.

4.45	MARAVAL HANDICAP (CLASS D) £7,000 : Penalty Value £5,845	added 3YO 1m
1 131533	NORDBEX (30) (D) (R J Arculli R Amstrong 9 7	L Dettori 8
	ROSEEERRY RAY (19) (0) (Mrs Nicola Bacher) G Vitragy 9 5	
	MARQUERITE BRY (9) Q44/stourn & Makinum) E Durino 9 5	
	SHEREROLLA (23) (CD) (Mrs Alison Bes) Mrs J Ramsden 9 4	
5 401003	ELPIDOS (16) (D) (the Daysping Company Limited) C Bolton 9.4	
	FAR AMEAD (13) (D) (Surposk Potatoes) J L Byre 93	
	MOUNTGATE (9) U F Coupland) M Beeby 8 13	
	FORZAIR (30) (Chartechouse Holdings Ptc) S-Bowing 8 11	
	ALZOOMO (13) (L. A.Jackson) J. Glover 8 1D	
	SEVENTEENS LUCKY (40) (D M Cameror) Bob Jones 8 10	
	THEREE ARCH BRIDGE (8) (D) (R N Pennell) M Johnston 8 7	
		W Carson 7
	EVAN TELP US (19) (E. J. Ashton) J.L. Eyre 83	N Warley (3) 13
14 00455	TRUE BALLAD (196) PArs Linds Dyer) T Dyer 8 2	
	EL DON (S) (Don Morrs) M Rven 7 (D	
	SHOPENIG EDGE (LO) (G Graham) M H Easterby 7 9	
	- 16 declared	

BETTEN2: 5-1 For About, 6-1 Rosebenry Ray, 7-1 Spikion, 8-1 Nordinox, Shiperoliz, 10-1 Shining Edge, Elite Racing, 12-1 others 1994: Catter King 3 8 3 J Fortune 12-1 (J 1 Sym) 19 cm

Stanerolla has won here twee but course success number three was deried him by Lanfranco Dettort on Rokeby Bowl in June. Shinnerolla has been in some decent handicaps since and will take the besting despite being Alb higher since the Rokeby Bowl defeet. Dettort attempes to threat his bid again, this time on Nordines, who found the big weight in the ground holding him back against Concer Un at Kempton last time. This faster eurface will suit his pace and the horse he beet at Newmarket in July, Twitight Petrol, has turned out a top-rocch handicapper. But of more interest is MidUNTEATE, who best Concer Un when conceding 8th at Beverley in July. These weights give Mountgate every chance of beating Nordines and he was unlucity to fall when going well at Newmarket after the Beverley win. Also, his latest showing in South Rock's race at Haydock (7f) can be ignored with the trip being too sharp. Elpidos is held by Mordinex on Kempton running but he has snoe thished a fine third to Akmond Rock in a big field at Newbury, Far Ahead holds Alzoomo on his Nottingham malden win and the stable won this last year.

ı	Ē	.15	CARONI MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,250 added 3YO 1 Penalty Value £3,810	m
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	2		BENUCHEF (140) (form Roberts) R Marrier 9 0S Drovince (3) 1	
	3	52606	DUNKE VALLENTINO (13) U E Bust R Hollinghead 9 0	9
	4	40	FATERALIGNARY (17) OMES Genen Smith) B Elison 9 0	2
	5	_	FIRE THE ANNIL (I L Dunko) J Dunko 9 0R Heather 1	Ø
	6	5330	HOTAMANN (FR) (65) Aloes Electrical Distributors (10) Mrs A Swinbank 9 0 "N Connorton	
	7		NERO KRS (12) (Osoldo Pedroni P Kellmov 9 0	
	8	03-522	MORTHERN FAN (13) (S Commen Ltd) A Stewert 9 0	6
	9		RAISE THE STATES (12) (I C Smith)   Balance 90R Cocksane 1	
	10		SHAMOKIN Ollerson Investments Ltd. F Watson 9 0	
	11	506-0	YAVERLAND (13) Oils B.A. Biackwell C. Duver 9.0	3
	12	6	CADDICAN (16) Paul Castrick (Holdings) Pici R Boss 8 9	В
	13	2	CASHBERE LADY (18) (Mrs Sybi Hone) J.L. Evre 8 9	5
	14		CLEURLY DEVIOUS (Simon Broke) J Farshand 8 9	
	15	0	CROWNING TINO (13) (Sendown Park Stud) Mrs N Macauley 8 9 C Timetro (5) 1	Ā
	16	-	LA ALLA WA ASA (Sheith Ahmed Al Maximum) J Gosden 8 9 L Dettori 1	5
	17	006	LADY NASH (97) (Mrs.) Costelice) C Britain 8 9	6
	18	04	LANCERETTE (17) (Sr. John Susine) N Gestern 89	3
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BETTRE: 7-2 Lancerotte, 4-1 La Alla Wa Ase, 6-1 Refer The States, 7-1 Northern Fan, 10-1 Ind-mann, 14-1 Angus-6, Neco Kris, 16-1 others 1994: Current Speech 3 9 D A Cultume 6-1 (J Harson) 17 ran FORES GUIDE

John Gosden's newcomer La Alla Wa Asa cost a toly sum, being a full-sister to John DunJohn Gosden's newcomer La Alla Wa Asa cost a toly sum, being a full-sister to John DunJohn Sheridan, who won the Group 3 Berestord Stakes at the Curragh two years ago. Shecdan took a few races before he got his act together but this doesn't look a particularly strong
soe and the filly can be expected to go close. Cleantly Devilosis is enother Interesting newcomer by Machignellian and the stable had a first-time-up winner at Leicester list week. Fire
The Anwil should stary well being a half-brither to Herlestone Brook and there was a lot to
file about Angesa-Gre debut showing in fourth to Fer Ahead at Nottingam a formytic ago.
But WERLAND can also be expected to improve from that race after finishing severation,
ha the task doesn't look beyond them with Yewerland preferred after showing some ability.

# FONTWELL SEA

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4.30 HARRY DUFFEY AMATEURS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,500 added 3m 2f

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5.00 EBF NH NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m 2f COPOS. PENER PITCH (131) R Frog 5 (1) ()

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### RACING RESULTS

LONGCHAMP 2.30: Prix de L'Aberge: 1. HEVER GOUF ROSE (J. Wisses); 2. Cherolene Rose; 3. Breningperformance. 12 cm. (T.) Naughton, Eptom). Part-methol: 4.10; 1.60, 1.30, 3.00. Re 4.50.

DP. 4.50.

3.05: Prix Marcel Boussec: 1. MISS TAHITI (D Pesier); 2. Shake The Yoke; 3. Solar Crystal. 11 ran. 2, hd. (A Fabre, Chantaly). Pari-mutuel: 11.60; 2.60, 1.70, 2.40. no. 47.61. DF: 17.80.
4.40: Prix de l'Opera: 1. TIMARIDA ()
P Muriogh); 2. Angel in My Heart; 3. Balanisa. 11 ran. 2, nk. () Ox. Curagh). Parimutael: (wirner coupled with Balanisa) 3.50; 2.40, 2.70, 2.80. DF: 40.90, 5.20: Prix du Rond-Point 1. SHAANO

(D Boeuft: 2. Petit Poucet, 7 ran. 2. rk. (E.Le-

2.10. SP. 8.60.

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2.00: 1. HEAR THE MIUSIC (R Hughes)
9-2: 2. Whittle Rock 6-1: 3. Amendy 11-8
fex 5 ran. 7, ht. (B Hits, Lambourn). Toba:
15.60; £2.20, £2.40. Dual forecast £16.10.
Computer Steight Forecast £24.90. Non Runner: Oh Winstendign.

2.30: 1. LORD HASTIE (S Maloney) 112: 2. Katou B-1; 3. Sunderland Echo 8-1;
13 rap. 4-1 fex Embyonic. 5, 7. (C Thomton, Middlehorn). Tota: £5.80; £1.50, £2.90,
£2.30. Dual 1: £20.30. CSP. £8.90. Winder £328.67. Toe Thir. £36.40.
3.00: 1. CHARLE SELETT (J D Smith)
10-1; 2. Little thar 14-1; 3 First Vell 16-

COURT L. GENERAL SELECT (I D. SMITT)
10-1; 2. Little iber 14-1; 3 Fist Veil 161; 4. It's Academic 9-2 fav. 23 mm. 3, hd.
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£1-80, Duni f. £268-30, CSF: £151.54. Tilcept. £2 (900.02) 3.30: 1 SNOW PRINCESS (R Hitc) 9- 15-8 far; 2 Uranie 13-2; 3. Quest Alitance

10-1. 9 ran. 9-4 fav Current Speech, sht-hd, %. (Lord Hardington, West Isley). Non Run-ner: Beaumont, Tota: £5.50; £2.10, £1.40, £3.40. Dual ± £10.40. CSF. £30.92. Total 1. DOMETIA (Mrs. A Penett) 7-2: 2. Water Hazard 6-1; 3. No Pettern 9-2. 4.15: 1. ROWS SECRET R Highest evens fac; 2. Bedin Frank 11-4; 3. Minis 5-2, 3 mas. V., 12. (J Payne, Nowmerket). Non Run-ress Marocco, Current Speach, Totar £1.80. Dual £ £1.80. CSP: £3.38.

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4.46: 1. CARSUNTON (Paul Eddery) 9-4
far; 2. Cryetal Faffs 11-2; 3. Desert Cat 31.14 ran. 4, 14. U Glove, Worksop), Non
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52.20; £1.40, £2.10, £1.80. Dual f: £8.10. CSF. £16.07. Tate Thio: £7.70.

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Place 6: £391.97. Place 5: £67.27.

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2.16: 1. NAVAL GAZER (D R McCebe) 7
4 fay 2. The Booting Briof (7-21; 3. Present Anna 4-1 7 zan. 1½- ½- ½- (D Loder, Newmarket). Tota: £3.10; £1.70, £2.30. Dusi Firecest: £12.49. Non Runner: Starting Fellow.

2.48: 1. AL SHAFA (D R McCebe) 5-1; 2. Daily Risk: £1-1; 3. Preud Monk: £1-4 fay.

7 ran. 3, 1. U Durlop, Arunde). Tota: £4.60; £2.90, £3.00. Dusi f: £2.50. CSF; £46.30. Incast: £153.88. John Trus-Incast: £41.30. Non Runners: White Whispors: Rhumba Dancer.

3.15: 1. CASUAL WATER (M Henry) 9-1: 2. Better Offer 7-2 fay, 3. Shittain 14-1. 11. zan. nk, ½- (A Nawcomine, Bemessable). Tota: £158.90. CSF. £90.06. Tifeast: £408.82. Tota: £106.05; £2.60, £1.60, £6.90. Dusi f: £128.30.

4.00: 1. OTTAWIO FARNESE (W Woods)

4.30: 1. DOMBITA (Mrs A Perrett) 7-2: 2. Water Hazard 6-1; 3. No Pattern 9-2. 8 ran. 1/u, rk. (M Bell, Newmarket). Totac 64-40; 5.1-70, 61.30, 62.10. Dual f. 59.30. CSF: £22.28. Tecast; £84.22, After a stew-

Non Rumer: R O'Sultivan.

5.30: 1. BOWDEN ROSE (M. Baird) 6-1. co fee; 2. Domicially 10-1: 3. Peerl Deavi 6-1 co fee; 2. Domicially 10-1: 3. Peerl Deavi 6-1 co fee; 12 ran. 6-1 co fee; Halbert, Miland Banker, 2, 1d. (M. Bitarstand, Lambourn). Yota: £7.80: £2.80, £2.90, £2.30, Dual f. £28.40. CSP: £55.81. Tricast: £338.44. Tota Trice £105.50. Trice £105.50.



# sport

# **Braveheart** surrenders to new Ali

Boxing JAMES REED reports from Cardiff

Nascem Hamed has an evil heart in the ring. He is possibly the most ruthless boxer in the world and on Saturday night he left Steve Robinson bleeding. bewildered and in tears after eight rounds to win the World Boxing Organisation featherweight title.

As Hamed moved his feet into position to land the last punch, he was still talking, still taunting Robinson. "Who is stronger now, Steve? Who is the stronger now?" Hamed was laughing and it was all part of his cruel plan. The final left hook slipped behind Robinson's guard and landed on the side of the Welshman's jaw. At first he just rocked, then his legs defied his brave heart and he was down.

Hamed stood and watched. He winked at his manager, Brendan Ingle, as referee Ismael Fernandez jumped between the fallen boxer and the new champion. Robinson regained his feet but it was over and his stilted attempt at walking back to his drained manager, Dai Gardiner, emphasised the suffering he had endured from the opening bell.

At times it was a terrifying spectacle to watch and as the pair embraced Robinson ducked his head, the tears mix-

ing with the blood on his battered face. In the centre of the ring, Harned just raised his hands and howled. The 16,000 sodden fans who watched the display of brilliance at the Cardiff Rugby Club started to file away before the belt was placed around Hamed's waist.

Robinson joined the silent hoards and traipsed in despair back to the sanctuary of his changing room and the foolish words of his misguided friends and family, who insisted the fight was fixed. "The ref is bent," one shouted from the VIP seats. Others blamed the promoter, Frank Warren, for a variety of perceived slights. Their outrageous complaints were in stark contrast to the courage of the man they came to support.

However, as the idiotic cacophony raged, Robinson even suggested, somewhat bizarrely, that if he met Hamed again, the fight would end differently -"yeah, I would knock him out in one round," said Hamed and claimed he was not given enough time to prepare. It was an undignified and unnecessary

conclusion to his defiant stand. From the first bell, Hamed took control. Robinson could not get close and his familiar lunges took on a desperate quality. Hamed leered as he weaved from side to side. Robinson did connect cleanly with occasional left hooks and one particular right. The crowd and George Foreman, but the loved it and ignored the drizzle. and George Foreman, but the loved it and ignored the drizzle. real fights, the early fights when of round eight his bravery over and Hamed was the new



From the start, Hamed switched to orthodox to further complicate his intricate punch patterns. After three minutes the pair stood eye-to-eye. "He must be joking." Hamed said as he sat

in his corner for the first time. "It was like watching Muhammad Ali: the confidence, the speed and the moves. He is incredible, and he is British," Warren said, Harned watches Ali tapes, not just the famous encounters against Joe Frazier

Ali's speed was beautiful to should have been rewarded by watch, his words poetry and his an act of mercy from his train-Muslim conversion led to him er, Ronnie Rush, and Gardiner becoming the most hated black man in America. Sheffield-born Hamed, whose parents were from the Yemen, knows what it is like to be an outsider.

In round five, as the steam rose from the backs of both boxers, Robinson was sent down for the first time in the fight and just the second time in his career. Robinson survived the round

who performed their corner rituals with all the enthusiasm of two relatives at a wake. Robinson should have been spared here, led off to contemplate his future but instead he limped out for round eight with a sad sigh and the blood from his nose mo-

still smiling. After one minute 40 sec-

Athletics

mentarily stemmed. Harned was

champion. A defence is planned for November or December, possibly in his home town. Sheffield, where there is a large Yemeni community. A fight in the Middle East is still a possibility as Hamed is watched by as many as 150 million on the Arab satellite channel MBC.

After Saturday's display there appear to be few obstructions to Hamed's inevitable ascent. The only danger is the boy himself and he needs to be protected from his own genius and the prowlers whose emergence

Ngugi is found pichard: wanting for pace poor explosions and poor explosions are poor explosions.

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

John Ngugi, competing for the first time since his four-year doping ban, finished 26th in yesterday's Great Caledonian 10km Run at Edinburgh in a time only 16 seconds faster than that of the women's winner, Liz McColgan, As come-backs go, it was hardly one to rank with Eric Cantona's.

Buf the 33-year-old Kenyan, who won the Olympic 5,000 me-tres gold medal in 1988, was returning to competition sooner than he would have wished. He had planned to start racing in December, before seeking a record sixth world cross-country title next year, but was per-suaded otherwise by his agent, John Bicourt.

"I need another four weeks before I'll be racing properly." said Ngugi, who is due to run in another Bupa-sponsored event next Sunday, the Great South Race over 10 miles.

On a day of fierce winds, Ngugi recorded 32min 11sec: far ahead of him Gary Staines held off fellow Briton Andrew Pearson to win in 28:44. McColgan, who won the

Great North Run two weeks ago, finished in 32:27, "It was hard going," she said. "But I enjoyed running with the men and everything seems to be on course." McColgan plans to run the Tokyo Marathon next month.

Paula Raddiffe was beaten by 0.6sec in Saturday's Fifth Avenue Mile in New York as Ircland's Sinead Delahunty won in

### SPORTING DIGEST Hill's gilt-edged sprint adds to Australia's gold haul

FIVE CLASSIC HOLIDAYS FOR

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Cycling

Australia's Darryn Hill won his first major title when he took the men's sprint gold, the blue riband event of the World Cycling Championships in Bogota.

In Saturday's three-heat final, Hill beat Canada's Curt Harnett, who on Thursday had become the first man to break the 10-second barrier in the event. Earlier, he had beaten his com-

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Your tour continues, taking in Palmyra, Allepo and Latakia.

You will see oases, dazzling souks, hilltop forts and Arab cas-

tles. It is a land that oozes history, legendary long before the Crusaders arrived. But there are "modern" sights from that

era too - such as the imposing Crac des Chevaliers, the hill-

ascus, a city of unimaginable antiquity, and proceeds to

champion, Gary Neiwand.

the final comfortably.

Hill, runner-up to Marty Nothstein of the United States in last year's World Championships, celebrated while Harnett was left waiting for his breakthrough despite Thursday's record. Harnett, who clocked 9.865sec when he set the record during Thursday's qualifying time trial, won the first heat of

In the second, the Canadian

world title but was edged by Hill on the final straight. In the decisive heat, Hill outmanoeuvred the Canadian and sped away to claim the crown. "I got him up on the hip and kept him there." Hill said. "I think I'm becom-

ing a smarter rider. I hope so." Hill, who rode after Harnett on Thursday, had also gone under 10 seconds, with a time of 9.926. Hill claimed Australia's third medal of the track event,

which finished on Saturday. On Tuesday Shane Kelly won the 1km time trial, breaking the world record in the process, while on Friday the Australians won the men's team pursuit.

Rebecca Twigg, of the Unit-ed States, reclaimed the world record she lost just one day earlier and won the women's individual pursuit, despite riding with a broken collar bone. Twigg, 32, beat Italy's Antonella Bellutti in 3min 36.081sec.

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Athletics

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1:02.32; 7 H Vesquez (Col) 1:02.32; 8 N Santo
(Japon) 1:02.38; 9 Y Myemoto (Japon) 1:02.38;
1:0 J Privero (Pro) 1:02.40; 1:1 B Sentano (Sp)
1:02.41; 1:1 V Modica (R) 1:02.48; 1:3 D Godfi (R) 1:02.45; 1:4 O Stratakov (Rus) 1:02.54;
1:5 G Leone (II) 1:02.54; Wemmer 1: V Vesgrove (Rus) 1:09.56; 2 C Pomacu (Rom) 1:10.25;
3 A Catura (Rom) 1:10.28; 4 C De Reuck (SA)
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1:10.43; 8 Z Dehren (R) 1:11.28; 9 M Vesconte (D) 1:11.32; 10 R Ross (Sp) 1:11.42; 1:1
A Buis (Rom) 1:11.44; 12 K Gradus (Po)
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29.18; 4 B Janour (Mor) 29.35; 5 C Robson
(Spangh Valley) 29.35; 6 D Burler (per) 29.50;
7 R Findlow (Baddord) 30.23; 8 M Hawtons (Brugley) 30.27; 9 I Brown (Leste Dears RC) 30.33;
10 T Murray (Spangh Valley) 30.45. Selectand:
17 S Carn (Lertan) 31.22; 26 J Ngug (Ren)
32.11. Women: 1 L McColigan (Dundee
Hawkhill) 32.27; 2 M Sutton (Mestbury) 33.31;
3 K McCandless (US) 34.12; 4 A Wight (Bridgnoth) 34.30; 5 H Haining (Cay of Gasgow)
35.08.

James Zarei, the 51-year-old Croydon athlete, celebrated his second suc-cessive win in the 1995 Greek Spartathion on Saturday in a new personal best of 25hr 59min 42sec. The test-ing ultra-distance race, the 155-mile course from Athens to Sparta, crosses five mountain ranges and has a 36-hour

FIFTH AVERTIE MEE BOAD RACE (New York) Next 2.1 Victors (Str) 3rnin 47.2mer. 2.5 Kip-korir (Ren) 3x48.2, 2.6 D. Napoli (pl. 350.7; 4.5 Benfares (Fr) 3.51.2; 5.4 Whiteman (68) 3x53.5; 6.1 Meyork (68) 3x54.4; 7.0 Mean (US) 3x54.7; 8.6 Lough (68) 3x54.5; 9.6 Hood (Can) 3x55.5; 10.1 H Sho (Not) 3x57.7; Weaters 1.5 Determiny (bl. 4x55.2; 2.P Racidille (68) 4x5.8; 3.6 Bitane-Ducest (Fr) 4x56.3; 4.1 Bottome (Rus) 4x30.1; 5.P Plamer (US) 4x39.7; 6.M Rydz (Pol) 4x86.5; 7.J Jenkins (US) 4x39.8; 8.T Pacino (Not) 4x45.0; 10.6 Fitem Bensel (US) 4x45.0; 10.6 Fitem Bensel (US) 4x45.0; 10.6 Fitem Bensel (US) 4x45.1.

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3 Florida 2; Montreel 6 Cenomina 1.

GOLD FLAKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Boss-bay) Plank G Seth (Ind) bt D Joshi (Ind) 1661-931.

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during the last 18 months have

caused some concern. The

Roy Jones Jnr wants to fight

Nigel Benn, the World Boxing

Council champion, after com-

fortably retaining his Interna-tional Boxing Federation

super-middleweight title in Pen-

sacola, Florida. Jones. who

stopped fellow American Tony

Thornton in the third round, said: "I'll fight Benn for \$10m,

which is not even close to the

\$50m Don King was shooting his

big mouth about a while back."

fighting is the easy part.

South Africa beat England in the final ing them a prize of a £65,000 diamond encrusted bat on offer to the first team to win the title three times. England,

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238-6; 5 Germony 217-55; 6 Beigen 317-80.

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to win the title three times. England, winners for the pest two years, missed out despite setting South Africe a terget of 82, with the Surrey all-rounder Adam Holiloeke hitting 32 and Derbyshle's Phil Defreitas 31. The lest players Adrian Kulper and Jonty Rhodes steered South Africa to 86 for 3. Kulper top scored with 36, while Rhodes hit 20.

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72; J Forbes 72 70 78 77. 299 M-G Estures
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Hockey
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Cadds 1; Switzberg 2, Lempod 2.
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WORLD CHAMPIONESHPS (Makestart, Japan)
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(Japan); 2. Des. Sung Werk (S. Kert; 3. D. Bermbila (N). J. Pesto (Lish. Feather-weight: 1. U.
Quelinatz (Geri; 2. Y. Naksmura (Lepan); 3. KimDuo Ix (S. War, B. Dessird (fur), Bentamweight:
1. M. Lossurur (Duxt. 2. G. Warser-Wink (Lispit); 3.

D Doublet (Fr); 2 S Kossorotov (Rus); 3 S Tetarogiu (Tur), S Shinohara (Japan). Tetarogiu (fur), S Shinohera (Japan).

WOMBER Lightweight: 1. D Gonzalez (Cube);
2 Sun-Young Jung (S Hod; 3 F Casellen (Por),
D Zangrando (Brin). Feetberweight: 1 M-C
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I. Verdicig (Cube). Bambarmeight: 1 R Tarrure (Ispen); 2 Ayue II. (Ch); 3 Foxbowsia (Pol),
C Sacon (Cube), Open: 1 M Van Der Lee (Neth);
2 Furning Sun (Ch); 3 E Rodinguez (Cube), Hyunryung Lee (S Yor).

Rugby Union New Zealand selectors have named four new caps and left out seven of their World Cup squad for their forthcoming tour to Italy and France. Justin Marshall and Ofsa Tonu'u were included at scrumhalf, while Tame Randell and Todd Black-adder were named in the forwards. The seven missing from the squad which fin-ished runners-up to South Africa in the World Cup are the backs Marc Ellis and

JOSEPTI.
MEN ZEALAND SQUAD (Rour to Italy and Prance): G Osborne, J Wilson, J Lomu, E Rush, F Burne, A Iseemia, W Latile, A Methrans, S Culare, J Menshall, O bru'u, 2 Broche, T Black-adder, J Kronfeld, M Jones, L Berry, T Randell.
B Larsen, R Fromont, Liones, R Broche, O Brown, R Loe, C Dowd, S Fitzpatnck (capt), N Hewitz.

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THAILAND CLASSIC (Banglock) First reund:
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th A Robidoux (Can) 6-3; J Higgers (Soo) bt A
Hicks (Eng 5-2; J Swell (Will bt K Dohesty (H)
Hicks (Eng 5-2; J Swell (Will bt K Dohesty (H)
Johnston-Allen (Eng) bt D Toylor (N h) 6-1.

4; N Bond (Eng) bt M Duffy (N h) 5-1.

Table tennis

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AIP TOURNAMENT (Palermo) Quarter-finals J Burlio (Sp) bt S Schalken (Neth) 6-7 6-3 ( 4: O Camporese (b) bt M Goeliner (Ger) 5-7-6 7-8: H Gumy (Arg) bt F Sentoro (Fr) 3-F-3 6-3: F Clavet (Sp) bt T Cerbonel (So) 4-1 7-6. Sent Amateu

LONG-DESTANCE WORLD CHAMPHONSHIPS (video, 4lars eviden, 120km cycles ride, 30km nai); Meu 1 S Lessing (38) 5th 46min 17 sec; 21 Van Uerde (8a) 5-84.24; 3 P Read (Can) (28), 18; 4 P Methon (7) 5:53.03; 5 C Mauch (3a)); 8:52 21, Neames: 1 France 17:40.27; 2 Belgium 17:50.50; 3 Switzenfand 17:55.40. (3a) 6:53 21, Neames: 1 France 17:40.43; 4 L Mesmater (15) 3 1 Espach (3e); 6:41.43; 4 L Alessander (15) 6:43.51; 5 S Boned (5o) 6:44.15; Reames: 1 Germany 20:17.34; 2 France 20:33,44; 3 USA 20:37.48.

TODAY'S NUMBER

The dollars (£51,600) that Germany's Anke Huber won without hitting a shot in the final of the Leipzig women's tennis tournament yesterday when Magdalena Maleeva, of Bulgaria, was forced to default because of a stomach virus.

An entry form will be printed on Faday 6 October 1995. The closing date for entries is form send an SAE to: Independent/Classic Holidays Prize Draw, (Token Request OR Entry Form), PO Box 83, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire AL7 ITL State the takens you

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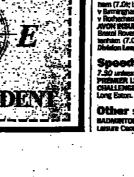
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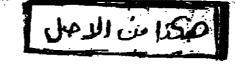
The Highlights Of Syria holiday can be taken 2 March, 18

For further information on the Highlights Of Syria and Cox

May or 2 November 1996, subject to availability.

& Kings call: 0171 873 5000.





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# Richards sets a poor example

least one England player, possibly two, and neither of them was Will Carling. Dean Richards now has a date with the Leicestershire Rugby Union disciplinary panel and may well in consequence find himself forcibly removed from the England squad, an eventuality that nowadays can have serious financial implications.

Richards was in trouble while Leicester were beating Gloucester by a flatteringly conclusive 27-14 at Kingsholm. They were gratified to have recovered so soon from their defeat by Bath but more especially because in league rugby this has been one of the Tigers' least productive hunting-grounds. There, however, the gratification ended.

The Leicester captain, lately leading by bad example, received a yellow card for foul play for the second week running. The incidents that led to this punishment for Richards and, separately, Martin Johnson symbolised a periodically unpleasant affair and, in that many others were involved, they were ill-fated to be singled

Richards will have to defend, or'at any rate explain, his conduct before his local disciplinarians and Tony Russ, Leicester's director of rugby, realises his England No8 will probably be suspended, though no date has yet been fixed for the hearing. Richards's next England engagement is tomorrow's training session at Marlow.

How embarrassing for him: two yellows, even in different games, now amounts cumulatively to a red. "This is a test case," Alan Wells, the Leicestershire RU secretary, said yesterday. "There are no precedents not any procedure laid down, so potentially it's a minefield." Evidently, it is a problem he would rather not

Not that Russ - however much he may express disapproval of forward anarchy earlier for that matter, treated Richards justly. But if Leicestershire go with the more serious of the two offences, he could get a ban of as much as 60 days. Last time it was stamping:

this time Richards was done for punching after the referee had lectured all 16 forwards who had just been engaged in an all-in punch-up, a touch judge suggesting to Campsall that Richards had been the



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For Leicester it was a case of retaliation or, put another way, helping a mate - neither of which would amount to any de-

fence at a disciplinary hearing. Still, Russ intends to try, based on the contention that Neil Back was being raked and needed help. "We will defend him in every way we can," Russ said. "We

would want to show some video to try to show he was merely defending one of his own. When you have a mass brawl like that and one bloke is picked out it's pretty indefensible. When one of your own is being attacked you defend him, end of story." One imagines Twickenham

taking a dim view of Russ's spirited defence of foul play provided it has first been provoked, and if the powers-that-be wanted first-hand evidence they could ask their own technical director, Don Rutherford, who

Yet as a Gloucester old boy, Rutherford was more concerned about giving the bene-fit of his wisdom to Richard Hill, the club's new coaching director, and as soon as the game was finished he handed over three pages of well-meant analytic advice. Right now Hill, England's 1991 World Cup scrum-half and more recently resigned as Bath's chairman of selectors, may feel he can use all the help

he can get. In the interests of learning to walk before trying to run, he intends adopting a step-by-step approach, the problem being that by the time he has taken all the necessary steps Gloucester ful lot of ground. So for now Hill has to hope that others (Orrell and Saracens, preferably) struggle as Gloucester are, and if the Cherry-and-Whites can pick off Orrell next week, well and

good. Last week, his first with the club, Hill concentrated on the line-out and by Saturday had wrought a significant improvement. That was step one. Now that possession is being won, it is up to him to proceed to step two and find a means of using

Mind you, there would be something wrong if Gloucester, with ball-winners of the calibre of Dave Sims and Richard West, did not find the line-out a profitable source of supply and they caused Leicester - in par-ticular Johnson - infinitely more inconvenience than Bath

Indeed if Martin Kimber had kicked the points that were available Gloucester would have had a decent half-time lead instead of turning round at 6-6. As it turned out, the chance had been lost and, besides, Leicester invariably looked the more dangerous on those precious occasions when opportunities occurred.

This was partly down to the extreme slowness with which the ball was presented to the Gloucester backs and partly to the dismal skills which they then applied to their attempts to use it. By contrast Leicester were models of slick efficiency but as this was purely relative it is not really much of a com-

Rory Underwood had withdrawn with flu and yet again the restrictive reality of tight opposition defence turned the much-vaunted Leicester wide game into a fanciful notion.

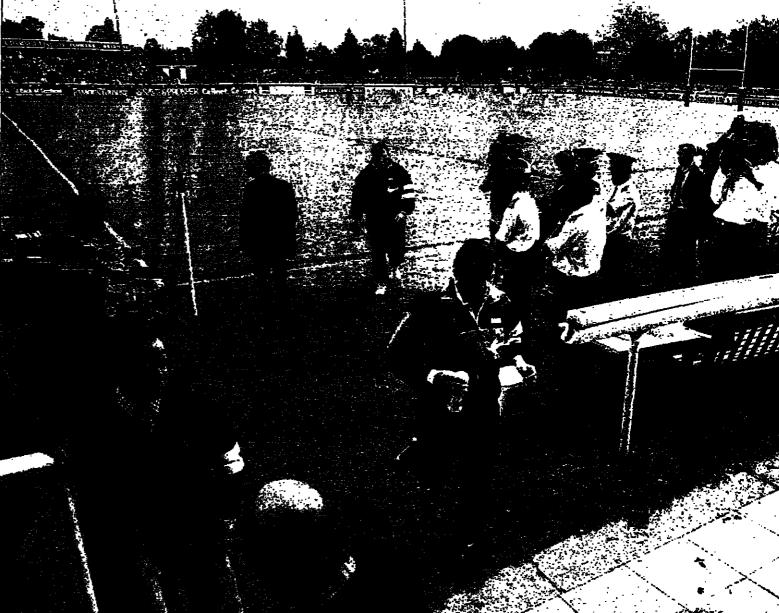
Eventually, the second half brought a short-range try by Back after he received a line-out ball which had been won by Matt Poole.

This was somehow typical, and so was the capacity for selfdestruction - remember Adebayo's try for Bath demonstrated in the intercepted Poole pass which set Paul Holford on a 100-yard dash to the far end. Leicester finally went clear as soon as they at last constructed a move of quality, leading to a try by Underwood's worthy replacement, Wayne Kilford.

It was a relatively small mercy but for the Tigers it sufficed. There are very few players in the Leicester team who have ever won at Kingsholm," Russ ed to have won the warm-up, the match and the brawl." It's all right, he was only kidding and anyway by "delighted" he surely meant relieved.

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# Carling perfects his sidestep

The sport's most

hunted man is in

vintage form, says

As Colin Herridge, the Rugby Football Union's media officer, gave the first of many press briefings about his friend and house-guest Will Carling behind the stand at The Stoop, a bemused-looking group of West Hartlepool players wandered past towards the changing room to prepare for the match.

One turned to another with day was about much more than Harlequins' 34-18 win - as the presence of so many news reporters, who would not know a dummy scissors if it ran them over, proved.

The circus had begun more than three hours before kick-off as the press rat-pack - hardened from years of doorstepping Michael Barrymore and David Mellor - assembled in the car park to pounce on Carling's jogged out to warm up.

about to come to her first rugby match. The hacks reached for their notebooks and cameras as a chunky off-road vehicle pulled into the car park. But the wellbuilt rugby player emerging from behind the wheel turned out to be Brian Moore. Carling, meanwhile, had driven his car in through the back gate right up a wry smile and said: "They're to the changing-room door and not here to interview us." He disappeared into the bowels of

> say "Scarlet Pimpernel". The car-park steward, in a Harlequins cap, chuckled at the subterfuge. The press was well gutted. That was a great dummy, that was." The pack then swarmed around the players' entrance to the pitch like so many angry hornets. Police formed a ring in front of the press before Carling - his face a mask of impassivity -

> > What are you expecting?" a

**James Rampton** reporter asked a policeman. "Not a lot," replied the officer, smiling. "Just a good game." He was not disappointed. Carling had read the script and

scored a try after 32 minutes, Paul Hodder with a vigour that suggested that the West stand-off might bave had a secret life as a tabloid reporter. As he trotted back to half-way, the Harlequins centre was accorded a standing ovation by the sympathetic crowd (which also flocked around him, back-slapping and hand-shaking, at the end).

For the rest of the game, Carling played with the same rejuvenated verve he has shown all season - making outside breaks

and beautifully weighted passes as if he did not have a care in the world. Things may be ghastly off the pitch, but on it he looks supremely relaxed.

The impressive Chris Sheasby

-a shame the England manager Jack Rowell was not there to witness his rampaging display added a pushover try four minutes later. After half-time only a spectacular run-in from half-

way by the promising Tim Stimp-Rob Kitchin, sniping, Simon Brown, bullocking, and Spencer Bromley, weaving, all touched down to keep the London club unbeaten and level on points

with Bath at the top of the table. Afterwards, however, there was only one topic of discussion. Barry Forster, West's director of rugby, admitted with a grin that there were certain things that we were trying to remind Carling of during the game. You

can't let things like that go by.'

Keith Richardson, the Harlequins coach, had nothing but praise for the former army officer's composure under sustained press fire. "You'll not find a more determined person than Will Carling," Richardson said. "He's a role model for any younger man on how to con-

centrate on a game." The only thing that baffled the coach on Saturday was the presence of three police riot were here," he said. "I never thought the press were that rough."

Hartequine: J Steples; D O'Lean, W Carling, W Greenwood, S Bromley; D Pears, R Kachin (capt); S Brown, S Mitchell, A Mutilins, A Snow, P Thresher, M Russell, C Sheasby, R Jenkins. West Harthapool: T Stirnpson; O Evans, J Williams, C Lee, A Perker, P Hodder, S Cook; P Lancaster (capit), T Herbert, M Shelley, C Murphy, KWesgarth, D Mitchell, R Warrawight, A Brown.

# **Reid and Weston** heed rallying cry

Boroughmuir Watsonians

Alastair McHarg, the coach of the Exiles, may have picked the wrong week to suggest that his side should pull out of the inter-district championship in protest at a schedule of three games in eight days. The mood in Scotland appears distinctly anti-Anglo as the spectre of Newcastle Gosforth poaching players provokes fears that Scottish rugby could soon resemble Irish football, with stars only re-

turning home for internationals. Jim Telfer, Scotland's direc-tor of rugby, has urged club players to remain loyal and be more ambitious in the face of an influx of overseas players. Among those who have risen to Telfer's challenge is Stuart Reid. The Boroughmuir No 8 has been knocking on the door of international recognition for five years and if he maintains the form he showed in a pulsating Edinburgh derby then his claims

will surely become irresistible. The match attracted a 5,000 crowd and produced what will surely he the try of the season by Jamie Weston. The promising Watsonians scrum-half rounded off a move which started behind his own line and featured major contributions by Gavin and Scott

Hastings.

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### DAVID LLEWELLYN

Orrell

Pity Phil de Glanville. As captain of Bath he has to motivate and help his men. He wants them to be at their best. But as an aspiring England centre he needs one of his club colleagues, Jeremy Guscott, or

Neither is currently obliging. Indeed, Guscott looks to be well on the way back to his brilliant best after struggling to regain his form after a year out injured. His try, which brought a deafening roar of approval, and the one he set up, proved that he has regained the pace, vision and clusiveness that were

his hallmarks. never been in doubt, witness the tackles he pulled off to stop Orrell's hopefuls in their tracks.

Guscott eases into top gear But he takes nothing for granted. "I enjoyed myself," he said. "I'm looking to be at my 20

Africa next month." De Glanville, who has 13 caps, four of those as a replacement, could only smile wrily. "Jerry's potential has not been realised for a while," he said. "We are just trying to coax it out of him." He seems to have succeeded and it looks as if De Will Carling, to hit a bad patch. Glanville will have to wait a little longer before assuming the mantle. "It's been frustrating,"

he admitted, "but after two years I've got used to it." The fanatical supporters have grown used to success and they greeted all eight of Bath's tries exuberantly. Jon Callard scored two of them, joining the line at pace each time, and his six conversions and solitary His defensive qualities have penalty - Bath were awarded just two in the match, one of

While the Bath backs were sharp the pack was once again awesome, particularly in the loose. They set up a bewildering peak in readiness for South number of phases in the build up to Callard's opening try, and Orrell, who defended cou-

rageously throughout, were thoroughly bemused at the end. They were not hopelessly outclassed, as their two tries illustrated, but they were generally outplayed by a team that dearly wants to regain the Courage crown which they had almost made theirs until last year. Bath are hungry and nothing but success will satisfy them. Buth: Tries Adebayo 2, Caland 2, Guscott, Ubogu, De Giznville, Catt; Conversions Caland 6; Penutry Caland, Orrell: Tries Scott, physics: Conversions Marco 2

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### Punch dashes Hall's hopes ROBERT COLE

Mike Hall is having one bad break after another, the latest being a painful end to his hopes of resurrecting his international career against Fiji on 11 November. He was operated on yesterday for a depressed fracture of a cheekbone suffered at Stradey Park on Saturday and

for six weeks. So two weeks after having his nose broken in Cardiff's victory at Neath, Hall is nursing an even more serious damage, suffered in his club's fourth straight win in their defence of the Heineken League title.

is expected to be out of action

Tony Copsey was sent off for flooring Hall in an ugly 72ndminute brawl. The irony was that the trouble erupted because of a set-to between Hall and Ieuan appointing. We spent six hours

Evans, who are both directors of the Just Players company. trying to get things right for this game and the referee ruined it." of the Just Players company. The difference of playing

opinions between the business partners sparked the mayhem that resulted in Copsey facing a lengthy ban for his second dis missal in as many seasons. The free-for-all, which had

been an incident waiting to happen thing a contest in which tempers were never far from spilling over, scarred a showpiece occasion that had attracted a 12,000 crowd. A proportion of the blame for

the match failing to live up to its billing was laid squarely at the door of the appointment of an inexperienced, and clearly nervous, referee for what was always going to be a rugged affair. Gareth Jenkins, the Llanelli

coach, said Mr White had got "really involved with his whistle and nothing could develop at all. When you get a game blown up as quickly as that it is very disBut Jenkins backed the ref-

eree's action in showing the red card to Copsey. "He had to go. The only place you can expect to be after throwing a punch like that is in the showers. He deserved it."

But the match had already became a largely disappointing and stagnant affair, with the defences cancelling each other out. The one player to find space when it mattered was Hemi Tay-lor, the Cardiff captain, who surged away from the back of a scrum to create the prime position from which Cardiff scored the only try of the match. Lianetic Penalties McCarthy 4, Cardiff: Try Humphreys: Penalties A Daves 3; Conver-sion A Daves.

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### Rendle rescues lacklustre Britain Judo

JACK LEONARD

reports from Makuhari, Japan Britain's medal drought dragged

in to the final day of this year's World Championships here vesterday, when none of the four fighters, including Nigel Donohue, the European bantamweight champion, made the last eight.

A bronze from the veteran

Sharon Rendle on Saturday saved the team from coming home empty-handed. Rendle gave a stunning performance that belied her 32 years when she dropped Megumi Yabushita, a Japanese champion, on to her back for ippon (10 points) in the first round. But for a split decision against her in the second round Rendle might have made it to the final, Instead, she

knuckled down to work in the repêchage, ending the day by winning a decision against Jin Wang of China for a bronze.

During the 1980s, fighters like Karen Briggs, Diane Bell and Rendle made sure that Britain's women regularly won medals, more often than not golds. This year's results are their worst ever, while the men's team have not won a medal since 1987.

Neil Adams, the team manager and head coach, concluded: "A mixture of bad luck and below-par performances from a lot of the athletes were responsible for the poor results."

While Britain should be disappointed with only one bronze, the Japanese are not happy with three golds - one less than their tally at the last championships in Hamilton, Canada two years ago. Results, Sporting Digest, page 24

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It was, to employ Rund Gullit's phrase, "a lighting match," scuf-fling, ill-tempered and strenu-

ous as local derbies always

seem to be whether they take

place in Italy or England. Chelsea's Dutchman, who

shone all afternoon like a good

deed in a naughty world, was

quite unfazed by proceedings

with which he had become well

acquainted during his recent

"The derbies in Italy can also be mean," he said. "It is normal. But in Milan, if one

team loses, then people make

fun of them for four or five

months until they meet again.

It is different in London because

Hoddle, made the same point

after an attritional match won

by one smart piece of finishing from Mark Hughes and marred

by the late sending-off of

Chelsea's Nigel Spackman for retaliation. "Now you see why

it is so difficult for London sides to win the League," he said. For Arsenal, the last London

side to have achieved that feat,

this defeat ended an unbeaten

run of 15 games. Had Glenn

Helder not missed a clear op-

portunity soon after coming on as substitute in the 72nd minute,

there are so many clubs." Chelsea's manager, Glenn

years at Milan

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

# sport

Ferdinal on clas FOOTBALL: Celtic on receiving end of an Englishman making giant strides on the comeback trail as Gullit wins the good fight

# **Gascoigne fits** the Rangers bill

e did not play the flute but, when it mattered in Saturday's Old Firm derby, Paul Gascoigne called the tune. In doing so the 28-yearold Englishman all but confirmed that, come May, his talent will finally reap a championship medal.

It also pointed at possibilities for the following month's European Championship. While Gascoigne flickered in and out of the match he demonstrated his growing fitness with the second of Rangers' goals in their 2-0 win at Celtic Park.

It followed a slick move, and was coolly taken, but the most impressive aspect was the 70yard box-to-box run Gascoigne made to achieve it, passing eight players on the way. Equally significant was his role at this stage, an advanced midfield position where he may yet play for England.

Such a development would be a shrewd move. Gascoigne is as dangerous on the edge of his own penalty area as he is around his opponents' and the more chances he gets to con-centrate on his dribbling, rather than his tackling, the better.

If the former helped open up Celtic for Rangers' first goal, the latter almost saw him off the pitch. Gascoigne failed to time any of his first four tackles and was finally booked, for swiping John Collins across the shins, after half an hour.

He was also the victim of some wild challenges. Pierre van Hooijdonk was very lucky to escape a caution after a crude over-the-top tackle narrowly missed Gascoigne's muchscarred legs. Gascoigne exploded with rage but the impressive referee, John Row-botham, stepped between them

Even so, at half-time Richard Gough was concerned enough to tell Gascoigne: "Make sure you stay on the pitch." The Rangers captain added: "I told him 'If you get sent off you will



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player and you should not have to tell him, but these games do wind you up. There was a lot of niggling going on and he was a target - not that I blame them, I would try and wind him up if was playing him."

Not exactly encouraging words for the big games ahead but, given Gascoigne's impulsive and passionate nature, a Glasgow derby was always likely to push him to the edge. After his goal he exulted with the 3,000 Rangers fans as if he was among them. Then he jogged back, sardonically patting his belly as he passed the Celtic support which had been chanting. Who ate all the pies?' at him.

It was a disappointing after-noon for those green hordes but, if the result suggested that the Scottish title will again remain in Glasgow's West End, there were signs of hope for the hoops as well. Though Celtic's team, like its ground, is only half-built the club's fortunes are in the ascendant. Paradise is no longer troubled, just impatient.

The club's recent history mir-rors Manchester City's. Supporters, disillusioned by their inability to match successful local rivals, agitate successfully to overthrow the board. In come a millionaire chairman, a

new manager, and the builders. However, this is where the tales diverge. While City have gone from poor to mediocre Celtic are building for a better future. Fergus McCann, the Canadian businessman who bought out the Kelly-White dynasty in March 1994, has since invested (or raised) £25m.

The bulk of that has gone on a massive new stand which seats 27,000 and towers above the grim housing estates around it. The rest has gone on the team, enabling Tommy Burns to buy the sort of players that were out of reach of his predecessors.

While they imported Englishmen of dubious quality and average Scots, Burns has bought Andreas Thom, a German international striker, and several of the better Scottish players: Tosh McKinlay, John Hughes and Simon O'Donnell. A share issue has given sup-

porters a sense of involvement in the chib and crowds, which had dipped to under 10,000, are rapidly rising—season tickets are up from 7,000 to 26,000 with a waiting list. They have also won their first trophy for six years—last som's Scottish Cup and : rvived into the second round in Europe. However, Saturd y showed that the gap between them and Rangers remains vast. Celtic dominated the first half without ever looking like scoring, only to concede a goal a minute before the break.

After Gascoigne had engineered a rare break-out the ball came to Oleg Salenko, who beat two players before crossing for the unmarked Alec Cleland to head in.

Twelve minutes after the break, with Celtic again pressing, Alan McLaren cleared to McCoist who fed Salenko and span off for the return. A firsttime pass behind the defence found Gascoigne, who barely checked his run to score.

Game over. Though Collins, playing like a man in the shop window, and Paul McStay ran the first period, Celtic had tried to go through Rangers' strong centre where Gough was outstanding and Van Hoofidonk and Thom largely absent.

Burns admitted afterwards that he needs width. Since



Turning point: Celtic fans watch antiously as Paul Gascoigne (left) gets the better of John Collins

After several seasons of gloom

there is a new optimism abroad.

The senior side's likely qualifi-

cation for the European Champ-

ionship has been matched by the

Under-21s, who put out Russia. At club level October opens

with three teams still in Europe,

This may be due to an in-

a rarity in recent years.

football. Burns has Celtic playing a passing game, and now Rangers, encouraged by the arrival of Gascoigne, Gordan Petric and Salenko, have stopped pumping long balls at Mark Hateley and are passing into feet and space.

Juventus, Rangers' next Champions' League opponents, will not be quaking in their sponsored boots, but they may be stretched, especially by an Englishman with something to

prove in Italy.
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Hughes, McKiriner, Donnelly, McStay, O'Donnell (McLaughin, 1-4), Collins; Van Hootdonk,
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they might have extended that But Arsenal's manager, Bruce Rioch, reserved his invective for the referee, Martin Bodenham, whom he de-scribed as "past his sell-by date". Rioch, whose usual demeanour is polite with a hint of menace, could not withhold his frustration over the actions of an official who booked five of his players and one of

"He didn't give the right de-cisions," Rioch said. "He let too many things go. This is the first time I have criticised a referce and it will be the last time.

Chelsea's.

But he was not good enough." The game was indeed full of unpunished unpleasantness; but Arsenal gave at least as good as they got. Rioch's particular cision to award a free-kick against Nigel Winterburn for a tackle on Gavin Peacock, an incident which preceded the decisive goal after 52 minutes.

From the free-kick, Gullit headed against a post and although the ball was cleared, two subsequent corners in succession ended with Hughes employing his left foot with characteristic finality.

Gullit, who had shaken off the effects of the flu which had prevented him training all week, expressed particular pleasure at his intervention. "I think that moment gave the team something extra because soon after-

been sent off before. He did not defend his actions in hitting Martin Keown after having his shirt pulled. "It was completely out of character." he said. Sadiv, the same could not be said for the match.

Chelsea: (3-5-2) Wherin; Johnsen, Gulit; Sin-clat; Burley, Wise, Specierran, Rescock; West-ron, 82), Myers; Puriong, Hughes, Sobetitutes not used: Stein, Hitchcock (gd.)

# Little comparison for Atkinson to ponder

PHIL SHAW

Coventry City Aston Villa

Though the combatants came from nine countries spread over five continents, just 20 miles of motorway separate Coventry and Villa. In more ways than one, events at Highfield Road landed Ron Atkinson with a Little local difficulty.

There is no malice between Atkinson and his successor as Villa manager, Brian Little. Yet the parochial nature of football fans, particularly in an urban sprawl like the West Midlands. means they can hardly avoid comparisons. Before Saturday, the jury was still out on who benefited most from last season's upheavals. Now the case for Coventry is not looking good.

Consider the evidence. When Little stepped into Atkinson's shoes last November, Villa were 19th in the Premiership. After a turnover of 16 players, which left them £7.6m down, they have risen so far so fast that they run the risk of nosebleeds.

In contrast, Atkinson found Coventry in 17th spot. Hype springs eternal, but seven months on, after running up an unprecedented transfer deficit of £5m, they are 16th in a division two clubs smaller.

Little suggested that a threegoal margin cannot, in the final analysis, flatter a team. At a later press conference, which made one wish that managers were obliged to argue the toss together, Atkinson volunteered the opposite verdict. To neutral eyes, Villa never looked fully in control until the closing minutes.

Coventry, explosively served in attack by Peter Ndlovu, are too lightweight to be as cavalier as they were. It was symptomatic of their over-eagerness to go at Villa that even as the visitors kicked off, the left wing-back, Marcus Hall, left a huge gap behind him. Mark Draper exploited the aberration with a long pass to Ian Taylor, whose cross was headed in by Dwight

Yorke with 12 seconds gone. Draper, alternating between economy and expansiveness with a verve befitting one whose heroes played for Brian Clough's Forest and Jimi

Hendrix, deserves to be in the England squad to be named today. In the event of Paul Gascoigne crying off, or going in for a re-tint, he would be worth looking at in Norway. Otherwise none of Villa's

principal contributors are available to Terry Venables. Mark Bosnich, who has kept five clean sheets in as many meetings with Coventry, made some staggering saves to win the battle of the Australian keepers. Savo Milosevic and Yorke, the planet's only Serbo-Tobagan strikeforce, did what was required in front of goal, while in midfield Andy Townsend embodied their Little: turnover of 16 players crucial advantage in sheer

Not that Villa should be characterised as prosaic, a stigma that attached itself to Little because of Leicester's lumpen approach in the latter part of their promotion campaign under him. Some of their moves here, notably the flurry of first-time touches that set up a disallowed goal by Milosevic, were as seductive as Manchester United in full flow. In spite of his goals, Milosevic still looks like Villa's weak link.

Little may have a clear edge over Atkinson in results, but as long as Coventry keep Ndlovu they will have a striker with the pace and panache their neighbours need to maintain their bright start.

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art Ripley swap-plus cash deal

But there was enough Celtic

promise to suggest they may be

able to threaten Rangers in the

near future. Such a challenge

would be good for the Scottish

game, though it would be even

better if Aberdeen's revival is

may yet go through.

# Yeboah pounces on passive Wednesday were rampant and could have ac-

**GUY HODGSON** 

Leeds United Sheffield Wednesday

David Pleat's mind was working overtime to find the words that would describe Sheffield Wednesday's performance without provoking headlines. It was not their worst performance of the season, he said, still searching, it was their - the light came "most passive". Ah, passive. "Not active, or

not participating perceptibly in an activity, organisation, etc," as the dictionary defines it, which pretty well sums up Wednes-day's afternoon. They were back to the languid, toothless ways that drove Pleat's predecessor, Trevor Francis, to seek employment elsewhere. It only requires a look at their

employee register to see what could be wrong at Hillsborough. Their list of players goes on a long way but whether quality matches quantity is debateable. "You've got what you've got," Pleat said, "and you need to manoeuvre them." Towards the exit, presumably.

Both managers had to manoeuvre things themselves on Saturday: Leeds to overcome injuries, Wednesday to rein in the irrepressible Tony Yeboah. The solution was the same in each case, a 3-5-2 formation that for half an hour threatened to make Elland Road a tactical delight and an entertainment disaster.

Yet if anyone is equipped to throw over the chess board it is Yeboah, and after 33 minutes he entered the game with the force of a tank division. Two tackles were eluded, Chris Waddle ushered him on, and the Leeds striker thumped a shot from the edge of the area that scorched the earth. For the welfare of Wednesday's goalkeeper, Kevin sman, you were thankful Yeboah had used his weaker foot.

It was a goal which would have entered most players' portfolios as their best, but for the striker, who won the BBC's goal of the month for August and ought to for September, it was almost routine. "He's got a secret," Pleat said in awe. "He's very laid back in everything he does. It was if he was practising a shot. Some practice." Ghanaian galvanised, Leeds

a volley that would have eclipsed his strike partner's effort had it not been ruled out for offside. Something in the Wednesday ranks had to break and it proved to be David Hirst's language, proving his mouth was capable of greater violence than his boots could manage. He was

crued more than Gary Speed's

goal. Yeboah nearly bent a post

with a shot of enormous power

and Brian Deane, who had

made Speed's goal, thundered in

sent off for foul and abusive language and probably was greeted with something worse when his manager caught up with him. Nevertheless Pleat rubbished regestions his side might struggle this season. "We'll win both cups and finish in the top six," he said. And you think I'm jok-

ing, don't you?" We could be witnessing the first victim of passive hoping.

Goele: Yebooh (33) 1-0; Speed (57) 2-0. Leads United (3:5-2); Luke; Wetheral, Kel-ly, Beesley, Couzens, Palmar, McAlliste, Tim-Her, Speed; Mastriga (Deans, 52), Yebooh. Substitutes not used: Bournar, Beerrey (gly). Sheffield Wadnesday (3-5-2): Pressmen, Atherion, Pearce, Walliar, Petrescu (Briscoe, 80), Hyde, Waddle, Pembridge, Nolan (Shert-dan, 45); Hirst, Degnyse (Bright, 69). Reference (3 Poll (New A

# Parmby relaxing

wards they got the goal."

Spackman, 34, had never

Arsenal (3-5-2) Seaman; Yeown (Lingban, 88), Adams, Bould; Dison, Merson, Jersen (Halder, 72), Parlour, Wraterburn; Berglamo, Wright, Substitute not used: Bartram (gl.)

Diego Maradona

comeback, after a 15-month drugs ban,

### Wimbledon seek a replay after Spurs' late, late show

The Football Association the Wimbledon manager, Joe Kinwill scrutinise referee Gerald Ashby's report to check whether Totterham broke the work whether Totterham broke play. The two points Kinnear if it seems footballers are loyal only to any rules before their 3-1 win over Wimbledon yesterday. Jason Dozzell appeared in the starting line-up on the Totten-ham team-sheet handed to the Worcestershire official before fielder telephoned the ground to report that he was caught in traffic, the Spurs manager, Geny Francis, switched Dozzell with Gerald McMahon, who Dozzeil finally arrived at White Hart Lane 30 minutes late, even though the kick-off had been delayed 15 minutes, and he came off the bench as a second-half

queried were: 1 Can you change the names on a teamsheet once it has reached the referee? 2 Can a player who has been substituted later act as a sub himself? confirmed that McMahon had started as a substitute and Fran-

cis claimed Ashby had obtained Wimbledon's permission. Tottenham's David Howells and Soi Campbell were also dean hour before the scheduled kick-off we had almost a halfempty dressing room, It was a Keystone Cops situation." The latecomers are likely The Tottenham manouvres left be fined by the club.

Turn back the clock

Too early to mention promotion. as any manager will tell you - but do not look good at all: five times try telling the fans of table-topping relegated in the last 50 years, not Leicester and Swindon, relegated last year, not to get excited.

precedent in their path. Since the war, 55 relegated teams have bounced back at the first attempt · little more than one per saeson. In Leicester's case, the portents once have they been promoted at the first try, Norwich, whom they As they dream of an instant re- beat on Saturday, have dropped turn, they may not be pleased to down three times since 1974 learn that they have historical and each time gone straight back.

If it seems footballers are loyal only to their wallets, rest assured that old values still exist. Examine the story of Exeter's Earnorn Dolan. Two years ago last April, when he was 25 and still full of ambitton, Dolan's world fell apart. A suspicious lump was diagnosed as cancer. Admitted to hospital ly, he had a testicle removed and began intensive chemotherapy.

Today, he has recovered and is ready to resume his career. But Eveter cannot pick him before they repay £3,000 in insurance received when he became it. ter, with estimated debts of £2m, are now run by administrators and can afford only the bare essent Dolan, capped five times at Under-21 level for the Republic of Ireland, is unpaid but is happy to stay. "I've had offers of trials at other clubs but Eveter and their fans have been very supportive. I would like my

Red card

..the Birmingham referee, whose

free use of his yellow and red cards

at the Nottingham Forest v Man

chester City game made a mild-

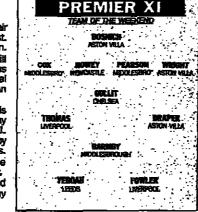
mannered occasion look like a

bloodbath. His performance

showed up yet again what seems

to be an alarming variance in stan-dards among Premier League

eferees this season.



We were pathetic and in the second half we were: disgraceful. Our passing was so awful that we

Ray Lewington, the Crystal Palace coach, reflecting on his side's

shortcomings in the 1-1 draw with Stoke at Selhurst Park

The number of points won by The Min-Lyingston (farmely Macdowherk), Samuel

may have to go back to the long-ball game

That was the weekend that was

### Return of a fine old firm Turning back the clock is proving a masterstroke for Graham Aliner, whose Kidderminster

Harriers team sits proudly atop the GM Vaux-

hall Conference, Harriers were champions in 1994 - when they were denied a League place after failing to meet ground requirements - but finished mid-table lest sesson. Aliner's answer has been to recreate the lethal strike partnership of Kim Casey and Paul Davies, who scored 117 goals for Harriers in 1985/86. And though both are approaching veteran status now - Davies is 35 a week today - they seem no less deadly: a double for Davies at Southport on Saturday raised his tally to eight so far, equal with Casey. Both have their eyes on the Conference career goals record of 180, with Davies on 169 and Casey 166.

Aliner's team can defend a bit, too - Saturday their sixth consecutive clean sheet.



...Brighton's veteran centre-back; who was 38 last week and who is on course to complete 700 League appearances, Foster showed he can still cut it in Saturday's metch when he scored his first goal for 18 months as Liam Brady's stricten Seaguits picked up a precious End-sleigh League Second Division point against Shrewsbury.



when he led Boca Juniors to a 2-1 victory over the South Korear national side before 70,000 at Seoul's Chamsil Stadium on Saturday. Maradona, now 35, was happy to have made the first goal but is reported to be suing his barber, who apparently misinterpreted Maradona's request for sideburns. terpreted Maradona's

Rumours Fact and fiction from the Sunday papers

alone... Matt le Tissier, despite his "im going nowhere pledges, is being courted again, according to the News of the World, which claims that Jack Walker has "authorised his struggling champions to break the bank". They are ready to pay £10m, the story goes - and would accept the same sum to do the unthinkable and self Alan Shearer. The People, meanwhile, says

prefers to play alongside Mike Newell. There could be still more competition for places at Ewood, the report suggests, with Ray Har-ford apparently lining up moves for Crewe's Gareth Whalley, Southampton's Neil Hearry, and Liverpool's Mark Kennedy, whose £2.5m move from Millwall to Anfield seems to have taken him down a cul-de-sac.

Another intriguing possibility thrown up by the paper - a move to Bayern Munich for Teddy Sheringham to recreate his partnership with Jürgen Klinsmann. The Mail on Sunday is adamant that Alan Ball is ready to offload that there is dressing-room fric-tion between Shearer and Chris players – with the England Under-Sutton, his erstwhile regular 21 international Garry Filteroft on partner, after Shearer revealed he

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FOOTBALL: Everton overwhelmed as Forest silence Ball's City

# **Ferdinand puts** on class act

**GUY HODGSON** 

Everton Newcastle United

It is the measure of the brouhaha surrounding Eric Cantona that the League leaders playing the FA Cup holders could be relegated to a warm-up act. No matter, Newcastle United may have taken second billing yesterday but they reinforced their first place in the Premiership.

Goals from Les Ferdinand, Robert Lee and Paul Kitson ensured that even Old Trafford's enfant terrible could not entirely obliterate Newcastle from the attention. Indeed there was plenty to suggest that Man-chester United, along with the other championship contenders, will find that a recur-

ring problem. Certainly Everton could not live with them yesterday. Last season the Merseysiders defeated Newcastle twice at Goodison but, apart from a 90-second spell early in the first half when they could have scored three times, they were inferior. Even their goal, scored by Anders Limpar, had consolation (not to mention

JON CULLEY

Nottingham Forest

There is a lot to be said for a

bit of dignity under pressure. It

was one of the few things, for

example, that earned Trevor

Francis credit during his decline

at Sheffield Wednesday. He

may have managed badly but at

least he did it with composure.

his already. So far this abject

season, if he has not been whin-

ing about unlucky defeats, it has

been unhelpful referees. He

could not bring himself even to

do that after this match, though

he would have been justified.

"They've been making it up all

week, they can make it up again now," was his only public com-

Apparently, it was the sug-

gestion that he was planning a

clear-out of players that had

made him so cross, even though

most people looking at his

team's record would probably

say it was a good idea. If reports of a rebellious dressing room

have any foundation, he might do well to ship a few out.

If Ball manages to keep City

Alan Ball seems to have lost

Manchester City

They are a terrific side," Joe swerved round Southall and Royle, the Everton manager. said, "and if they maintain that form, particularly away from home, they have every chance of winning the title. Ferdinand is the difference. He not only scores but

he wins everything in the air." Everton's chance to win their first League match in four outings came and went in the eighth and ninth minutes. Tony Grant hit the bar with a chip and Paul Rideout forced Shaka Hislop to tip a fierce drive over but the opportunity that will linger in Royle's nightmares was the free header that Dave Watson had from the resulting corner. He rose on his own but headed over from six yards.

The price for such profligacy became apparent within two minutes. Ferdinand, who gave a colossal performance, col-lected the ball 40 yards out, swept past Dave Watson and then beat Neville Southall with a low shot from 20 yards as David Unsworth and Earl Barrett backed away. That was Ferdinand's 100th

goal of his career and after 25 minutes he should have made it 101 when David Ginola, filling Peter Beardsley's giver-

All smiles for one Lee

that Francis Lee stays loyal to

him - it will be a remarkable

achievement. One draw and

seven straight defeats is the worst sequence even in City's up-and-down history. The scoreline here probably flattered

them. Had Forest, unbeaten

now in 21 League games, been

at full throttle, it might have

more in the second half but I felt

we were a bit low-key before

that," the Forest manager, Frank

Clark, said, finding it hard not

to rub it in. "We could have done

our goal difference some good." Bryan Roy, for all his wiz-ardry on the ball, again missed

the target more often than he

hit it, but otherwise for Clark

there was much encourage-

ment, not least in the progress

Bought 18 months ago from Southend for £200,000, Lee's

only function previously was to

cover for Stan Collymore and,

really, he never seemed much of

a substitute. Given that he spent

nearly £4m on Kevin Campbell

and Andrea Silenzi during the

summer, Clark appears to have

But with Silenzi and now Campbell suffering injuries,

of Jason Lee.

"We could have done no

then stalled as he turned to

score, tripping over the ball in-stead of turning it into the net. Any suggestion that Everton. whose line-up was more appro-priate for defending a lead than chasing it, would be reprieved disappeared after 59 minutes. Ginola chested down a loose ball and as he advanced into the area he was bundled over by a combination of Unsworth and Barrett. Lee sent Southall the wrong ay with the penalty.

When Kitson made it 3-0, bundling in Warren Barton's cross after 65 minutes, the situation seemed ripe for the rout of Everton but as Newcastle relaxed, blue began to gain parity with black and white and with nine minutes remaining Limpar scored after first shooting

against Histop.

"We looked like a team that believes we can win things," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said. "Last year we looked like a team that never thought we would."
Evertue (4-4-2): Southelt Barrell
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the target striker's position and

not only is he quite unfazed by

it, he is also destroying one or

two preconceptions. His hair

He scored twice - a first for

him in a Forest shirt - and al-

though neither goal will be re-

membered long, both were put

away coolly, capping an ac-

complished performance. No

wonder Silenzi looked eager to

impress when he replaced a

limping Roy. Had he been of a mind, Ball

could have grumbled about

Mike Reed, the referee, and re-

ceived a sympathetic hearing. It

was never a match to warrant

nine yellow cards - plus a first-

half red for Ian Brightwell for

picking up two within a minute

men sent off already, Ball will

need some new players, clear-outs notwithstanding, to re-

Goets: Lee (10) 1-0; Lee (47) 2-0; Stone (82)

place all those suspended.

- but with 27 bookings and three

may look as though it should be attached to a donkey's posterior but the similarities end there.

# Millwall left with negative equity

JON CULLEY

Derby, struggling to break away from the bottom of the First Division, did their East Midlands stricting Millwall to a point at the Baseball Ground yesterday, a result that enables Leicester to take a two-point lead from the weekend programme.

Much of the football was disjointed and lacking in craft but, perversely, the match was re-deemed by some high quality finishing, Derby's Dutch duo of Ron Willems and Robin van der Laan finding the target and Kingsley Black marking his first appearance for the London side with a superb free-kick.

The form of their foreign players - Willems was making only his third appearance of an injury-disrupted season - encouraged Derby to believe they might be on the verge of a recovery but Millwall may reflect that a more positive attitude in the second half might have been to their advantage.

They led after six minutes, Alex Rae racing into the penal-ty area to meet Jason van Blerk's square pass with a firm strike between Steve Sutton and the goalkeeper's right-hand post.

Willems squared the scores only three minutes later, steering the ball past Kasey Keller with the conside of his right boot after Sean Flynn's long ball had evaded Tony Witter's attempt to clear.

Derby then twice went close to seizing the upper hand, Keller blocking a David Preece effort before Darryl Powell, having burst through on the right, fired into the side netting.

Millwall's lead was restored on 25 minutes, after Gary Rowett impeded Uwe Fuchs 20 vards out on the right. From the free-kick, Black, on loan from Nottingham Forest, expertly curled the ball over the wall of defenders and into the top right-hand corner.

Millwall finished the first half on top and yet seemed to back-pedal thereafter. Van der Laan restored parity with 24 minutes left, shooting powerfully in from 20 yards and then Willems, with an ambitious attempt from wide on the right almost embarrassed Millwall and Keller, who was grateful to turn a dipping shot over the bar.

Derby County (4-4-2): Suton: Kasanagh, Yares.

Whered (Februs 8-8).

# John Renwick and Clover II attempt to rise to the occasion but fail to meet the challenge set by the Silver

Bullet Salver in the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley Arena yesterday. Sweden's Malin Baryard, who had won the Olympic Knock-out final on Friday, rode Gernstone to victory with a clear round in a time of 48.52sec

### in the Premiership - assuming Lee has acquired first claim on Barmby relaxing down by the Riverside

SCOTT BARNES

Middlesbrough Blackburn Rovers

What Blackburn lack, Middlesbrough have in abundance. Nick Barmby and Craig Hignett are already known as "Teesside's Terrible Twins" because they play alike and look alike. Full of ideas and invention, the two used guile and skill to pick their way through a crowded midfield and pick off the goals that brought the First Division champions victory over the PreBarmby is Boro's record signing at £5.25m, while Hignett came from Crewe three years ago and this summer took a pay cut to stay at the club. The contrast between the

two champions' midfields was evident as early as the 13th minute when Hignett turned beautifully to leave David Batty snapping hoplessly at fresh air before releasing the quiet but effective Robbie Mustoe to shoot over the bar. But Barmby is the hub

around which Middlesbrough revolve, tigerishly tackling back nier League champions. and forever foraging forward. Ray Harford said many of his The only difference between "He's got really good qualities, players were off form and tired.

enthusiasm for the game and lovely skills," a proud managthe twins is their background. er, Bryan Robson, said. "The other lads are doing well around him with Mustoe and Jamie Pollock keeping things together and [Jan Åge] Fjørtoft holding the ball up well for him and Hignett to run on to."

How Alan Shearer must wish for such service. Stuart Ripley was dropped for the visit to his home town, leaving Tim Sherwood and Batty to paddle backwards and sideways. Matty Holmes did scurry forward but only into blind alleys and Shearer could not muster a shot all day.

"Our next game is the eighth in 24 days," he said. "There are too many games and it is unfortunate as we have changed the system and it is fragile when you only have a day to work at it." Meanwhile rumours persist that Celtic's John Collins could come to the Riverside. "I haven't

been in touch with Celtic over the last few days but I am trying to build a squad that can challenge DUIIC 2 SQUAD UNIX CALL CHARLENGS for trophies," Robson said. Gosts: Barmby (45) 1-0; Hignett (71) 2-0. Middlesbrough (3-6-1); Washr Pearson, Vick-ers, Whyte: Cox, Policos, Mustice, Hignett, Barmby, Monts: Fjorott, Subatitudes not used: Hendre, Whelen, Moore (gk). Bischburn Rowers (3-5-2); Flowers; Pearce, Surton, Hendre; Kenna, Sherwood, Bathy.

n, Hendry: Kenna, Sherwood, Batty, es (Warhurst, 64) Berg: Newell, Shear-bstitutes not used: Makel, Mimms (gl).

FA Carling Premiership

### King delivers team title to Britain **Equestrianism** made her only error when scattering poles off the fifth of

**GENEVIEVE MURPHY** 

reports from Pratoni del Vivaro, Italy

Britain won the team contest at the European Open Three-Day Event Championships here yesterday, with Lucy Thompson taking the individual gold medal

for Ireland after a fraught show jumping phase. Like Peter Charles, who won the European title for show jumping a week earlier, Thompson was born in England and now rides for Ireland. She had produced wonderful dressage and cross-country

performances with Ginny El-

liott's former mount. Welton

Romance, before the mare

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1.2 show jumps. Thompson, riding on her first senior team, kept her cool.

Another mistake would have cost her the gold medal but she went clear the rest of the way to win with 3.75pts in hand from France's Marie-Christine Duroy on Ut du Placineau and Britain's Mary King on King William. This was the first time that any of the three women had won an individual medal at a senior championship - and the first time that Ireland had won the title since Eddie Boy-

lan triumphed in 1967. As in The Hague where Britain won the world team title last year, victory for the Britons depended on the bay

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS

gelding, King William. The horse jumped his usual splendid cross-country round on Saturday, but his reputation for clobbering coloured poles left everyone's nerves jangling -with the exception of Mary

King who rode him.
King has learnt to be philosophical about the horse's show jumping. After a clear round from William Fox-Pitt on Cos-

the contest began in 1953.

mopolitan II and a single error from Kristina Gifford on Midnight Blue, King could afford three mistakes without the team being defeated. William dislodged only two rails, dropping King down one place in the individual standings but regaining the team title, which Britain has now won for the 14th time since

barred from these championships until they became "open" this year, were not eligible for European medals. France therefore took the team silver and Ireland collected the bronze. It was a complicated formula, which needs to be reviewed, but the presence of non-European countries added zest to the competition.

The Australian team had been lying third after the crosscountry until dropping out of contention when two of their horses failed yesterday morning's inspection. The United States went out when David O'Connor's Custom Made was eliminated in the show jump-

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Bell's Scottish League Premier Division

(Hearts' Gary Mackey sent off, 63)

# Milan slip but stay ahead

ITALIAN FOOTBALL

Leaders Milan saw their 100 per cent start to the Italian season ruined by a 1-0 defeat at Bari yesterday.
Milan also had their in-

ternational midfielder Demetrio Albertini sent off, but the early-season pacemakers stayed one point clear at the top of Serie A as their closest rivals. Juventus and Napoli, fought out a 1-1 draw in Turin.

Bari's winner immediately after half-time, breaking away from Milan's defence on the halfway line to beat Sebastiano Rossi with a diagonal shot.

The champions Juventus, due to meet Milan in two weeks, failed to take advantage of their rivals' setback, struggling to contain a Napoli side enjoying their best start to a season since winning the title in 1990.

The visitors took a deserved lead in the 51st minute when Fabio Pecchia beat Juve's offside

Peruzzi. Within four minutes Gianluca Vialli levelled and a weary-looking Juventus held on for a point as Napoli's Brazilian sweeper Andre Cruz struck the bar in the closing minutes.

Parma won 3-1 at Padova, thanks to two from Hristo Stoichkov. Following the dismissal of their coach Ottavio Bianchi, Internazionale hounced back from their midweek Ucfa Cup exit against Lugano with an impressive 4-0 thrashing of Torino, who had their striker Rug-

### trap before rounding Angelo gero Rizzitelli sent off. **Basler makes up with supporters**

**EUROPEAN ROUND-UP** 

Mario Basler, the German international who has been in trouble with his club's fans, Stored a superb goal to win back their support and help Werder Bremen to a 2-2 draw at Bayer Leverkusen in the Bundesliga.

Basier, who had to issue a apologise for an offensive gesture he had made at them, levelled the score at 1-1 with a worst starts to the season in liv-25-yard free-kick in the 38th minute which would have also Rayo Vallecano and having lost

impressed the national coach, in the Bernabeu stadium to Berti Vogts, who was at the Athletic Bilbao and Oviedo. match.

In the Spanish League, Barcelona had full-back Sergi Barjuan sent off in the first half but still came from behind to hold Real Madrid to a 1-1 draw in the Bernabeu stadium, leaving the home side, the reigning champions, in the bottom half of the written leaflet to Werder fans to table with just five points from five matches.

Real have made one of their ing memory, having beaten only

A splendid goal by Sylvain Kastendeuch helped put Metz

on top of the French League on Saturday after a 3-1 win over Auxerre. Metz, with 25 points, are the only unbeaten team left in the league. Cannes, one place off the bot-

tom after eight defeats in 11 matches, vesterday sacked their coach, Safet Susic. He has been replaced by the former Cannes player William Ayache, ironically thrown out of the team last year by Susic after a bitter row.

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### **LAMMTARRA**

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### SCHUMACHER

In sight of world title after stunning victory in Germany

THE PRODIGAL RETURNS: The Frenchman has the first and final words but in between two-goal Fowler grabs the limelight

# Cantona refuses to be upstaged with 10 Blanch as points are shored

In the end it was neither fish nor foul - nor sarding, nor seagull, as the man himself might have put it. Eric Cantona made a goal and scored a goal but his welcome home party ended in

Though the points were shared Liverpool were the moral victors, while Newcastle will have been as pleased as anybody. They are now four points clear at the top of the Premiership, Manchester United remain third and Liverpool are fourth. September is barely out and already the contenders are massin

There will be battles royal ahead but, vesterday, the attention was on a republican. There were enough tricolours about to celebrate Bastille Day and, 68 seconds into the match, they were being waved like batons as Cantona's third touch helped put United

However, the returning Frenchman was all but upstaged by a precocious scouser. Robbie Fowler scored twice as Liverpool outplayed their hosts and hushed the madding crowd. Then some sloppy work in midfield allowed United back in and the gatecrashers had to settle for a share of the

They felt they should have had more. An unusually angry Roy Evans strongly criticised David Elleray, the referee, who had been quoted before the game saying the spotlight was on him as well as Cantona. Elleray gave United a penalty for pushing in the area - which Cantona scored - but denied

Liverpool a similar claim. "It is a sad story when the referee thinks he has equal billing with Eric Cantona," Evans said, "I thought Cantona passed the test but the refer-

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ay was half-right, both should have been penalties. For the first, after 26 minutes, Steve Bruce appeared to be holding Fowler as he burst past him. For the second, after 70, Jamie Redknapp appeared to push Ryan Giggs before toe-ending

the ball away from him.
The controversy detracted from an absorbing and thrilling game which started with high drama. The balloons and ticker-tape which greeted Can-tona's arrival were still blowing across the pitch when United took the lead.

Inevitably it was Cantona who was at the core. Despite all the attention he found space on the left and Andy Cole found. him. His cross reached Nicky Butt who went past Phil Babb with his first touch and scored with his second.

For a few minutes Liverpool looked lost. A hamstring injury to Mark Wright meant John Scales had been pitched in for his first game of the season while Jason McAteer was making his full League debut for the club. However, slowly their passing began to gell and Unit-ed were forced so far back that Ryan Giggs became an auxiliary

The equaliser should have come after 22 minutes but Ian Rush, who had a quiet game. just failed to reach a clever chip by Fowler. Four minutes later came the penalty appeal. Fowler, though, was not to be denied and six minutes later he again came in from the left and drilled a ball inside. Peter Schmeichel's near post as the

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

goalkeeper anticipated a cross. Schmeichel's anguish was shared by Lee Sharpe. Less than a minute earlier a sweepee did not. We deserved more ing move involving Cantona than we got. We lost two points had given him a clear chance,

as points are shared on a dodgy decision." Television pictures suggested Ellerheshot tamely at David James.

he shot tamely at David James. At half-time Alex Ferguson, the United manager, gam-bled. Butt, suffering from a groin strain, came off, David Beckham came on and the team reverted to a three-man central defence, aping Liver-pool. The only other time it was tried this season, at Aston Villa on the opening day, it was abandoned after shipping three goals in 37 minutes. Eight minutes later it looked as if a repeat performance was looming. Gary Neville was caught on his own and brushed aside by Fowler who delicately chipped Schmeichel to put Liverpool shead. United pushed up but Liverpool remained in

Then calamity befell Michael Thomas. Having come in for John Barnes - missing for domestic reasons - he had provided the midfield with bite and Fowler with the pass for his second goal. But now he dithered in possession, was tackled by Philip Neville and the ball broke to Cantona. He fed Gig-gs who tumbled under Red-knapp's challenge. Cantona coolly dispatched the penalty.

Though Cole, with an acrobatic overhead kick, and Redknapp, with a free-kick, went close Cantona had had the final say. This time everyone knew what he meant. He was back.

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The knee injury that caused Manchester United's Denis Irwin to miss yesterday's match has forced his withdrawal from the Republic of Ireland squad for next week's game against Latvia. More football, pages 26 and 27

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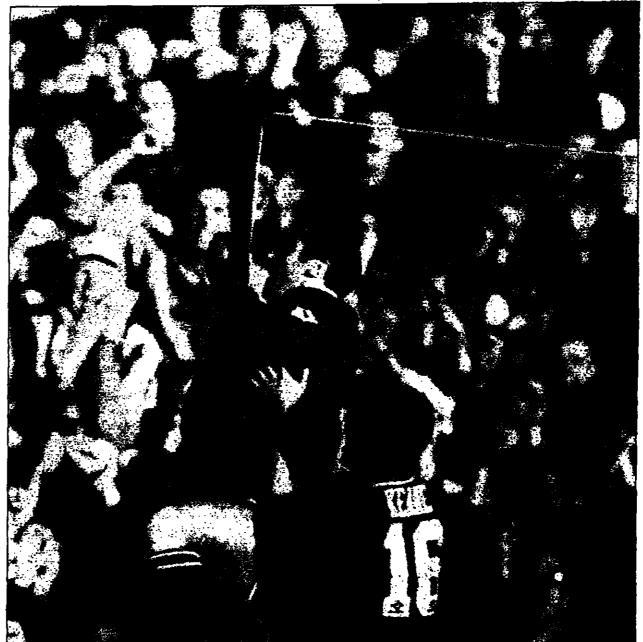
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League players can return

Rugby Union

STEVE BALE

One hundred years and one month after rugby league made its own break for freedom, rugby union's International Board yesterday made the historic announcement of an immediate free gangway for rugby league players, hitherto barred as professionals and pariahs, to

enter or re-enter union. The return of players of the outstanding quality of the Welsh stand-off Jonathan Davies is now dependent only on the contractual arrangements they have in league. Note Davies's nationality: the IB, meeting in Tokyo to ratify the demise of imateurism agreed in Paris in August, gave individual unions the let-out of regulating the gangway as they each saw fit.

And already the Rugby

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its desire to enforce a stand-down neriod for would-be converts in England – even though its own president admits such a restriction would contravene the law re-

Pole position: Eric Cantona climbs the goal support after scoring on his return yesterday

lating to restraint of trade. The Welsh, by contrast, know when they are on to a good thing and when Vernon Pugh, chairman of the IRB amateurism committee and the Welsh Rugby Union, arrived at Heathrow airport last night he had no doubt his union would welcome any and all of its northern exiles. "We haven't discussed it but I would be surprised if we decid-

ed on any restriction," he said. Pugh is the driving force behind the abandonment of years of shamateurism and the embracing of professionalism under the catch-all description of "open" rugby. Once the decision to permit payment for playing had been taken in on rugby league professionals was no longer tenable.

So is the English position and, bizarrely, the RFU appears to know it. "We would still fayour a period of stand-down or requalification," Bill Bishop, the union's president, said yesterday. England's delegates in Tokyo had pushed for a six-month stand-down.

"We have varying points of view and Rugby Union officials in Cumbria. Yorkshire and Lancashire feel very strongly about the effects of player-loss to RL. We will be discussing the matter at our executive committee next week aware that, if we imposed a period of sus-pension and it were tested in the courts, we would lose.

"But we do have a fourmonth qualification spell for players moving from one club to another and a six-month spell for

would be illogical to sideline a eyer moving from Orrell to Bath for four months but allow a player moving from Wigan RL to Bath instant access.'

Quite so. Doubtless Tony Hallett, the secretary, will explain the RFU's curious reasoning when he conducts a press briefing at Twickenham today. Anyway, he too has already admitted that even the 120-day qualifica-tion imposed on transferred play-

ers would not stand up legally Otherwise the board concerned itself with the regulation of professional rugby, in particular asserting the primacy of national unions over clubs or other bodies in contracts, sponsorship, advertising and broadcasting rights. Players' contracts with clubs, for instance, will need the approval of their national union.

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rogue reclaims his crown

lan Ridley hails the imperious gall of United's Gallic footballing genius

Here's the plot. We'll have him laying on a goal after 67 seconds, then rallying his team after they've been outplayed and equalising with a penalty, before scoring the winning goal in the last minute. No you're right. We'll save the last minute winner for another episode. Don't want to give them too much too soon.

Thus did the actor out on loan, as one of his heroes, Jim Morrison, once sang, return to centre stage after eight months of suspense and suspension. Curiously he seems, during that time, to have become an even better player, such is the stoking of the legend, but this was good enough. All the touches and flicks were there, if a little rusty. The eye for an opening remains that of a footballing eagle.
"He has done well," said the

Manchester United manager, Alex Ferguson. "He was tired at the end of it but he can be well pleased with his performance and his stamina. It's a credit to his preparation and how he looks after himself." Most were drained at the end

of an emotionally exhausting day. It began hours before the kick-off, with Sir Matt Busby Way throbbing with buyers and sellers of inventive merchandise: red and white confetti, French tricolours. His autobiography was going for only £5 but this had less to do with lack of popularity or the end of the Net Book Agreement; more that everyone had it already.

On that famous forecourt underneath the Munich memorial some wore onions round their necks, berets on their heads. Here could be found his father, Albert, signing auto-graphs, after a demanding twoday drive from Marseille. necessitated by his fear of flying.

Inside it was a love-in attended by 34,934, some of whom were not journalists. Sadly few from Liverpool had obtained tickets. They played the music from the Magnificent Seven for him, "Welcome Home" and "I Want You Back" by, appropriately, Take That. He entered, last in line and tracked by his own TV camera, to the theme from Rocky and joined the other players in holding aloft a banner saying: "Let's kick racism out of football. Respect all fans." All except Matthew Simmons, Old Trafford was

Soon there was the cross for the goal but United then stood back in satisfaction for an hour. his cushioned passes and positional astuteness not used well enough, until the penalty, stroked home with the customary aplomb. Any worries about him taking it? "Who was going to get it off of him?" said Ferguson.

There was never any danger of trouble involving him, with uncharacteristic best-behaviour tackling prevailing; it was the tamest North-west derby he could remember, said Ferguson. Even with Neil Ruddock in opposition, though one tangle had him throwing his arms up at him mockingly, even with a player on the field - in footballing terms the game's star - called Fowler, he was always in control. could be the first real test.

Before then, United have three goals to try and retrieve at York tomorrow night. Will he be risked? "I'm saying to my-He may be pondering the words of a T-shirt on sale: "Rage is temporary, class is permanent."

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